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Commissioner’s Corner  by George N. Campbell, Jr.

A Look Back While Focusing on the Future

Over three years ago, I joined the New Hampshire DOT as your Commissioner with a term to expire in December of this year. In order to have a Commissioner available early in this new biennium, I have decided to return to the private sector effective July 28.

This decision has made me reflect on how much the NHDOT team has done. The list is impressive. Despite the challenges of budgets and Mother Nature, our Operations forces have met all challenges, and tirelessly continued to keep our roads and bridges safe and have become the envy of the region. Together we have executed on the promised improvements to the Turnpike System --including the first Open Road Tolling facility in the Northeast.

Project Development became a national pacesetter in delivering $139 million of stimulus projects without hiring additional staff. I-93 is fully permitted and well into construction of our priority projects. We have completed or have under construction $220 million worth of projects on that essential corridor. The $175 million Manchester Airport Access Road will open this fall ---nearly two years early and under budget.

Deputy Commissioner Mike Pillsbury and his team are making great strides in inter-city transportation. The Boston Express bus service is wildly successful and has quickly become a lynchpin in serving the traveling public - between I-93 and service on the Everett Turnpike we are serving over 400,000 riders per year.

In addition, progress on rail passenger service is being made at Plaistow and even in the Capitol Corridor. Aeronautics stands along side the rest of us in delivering critical project funds every day to needy airports throughout the Granite State.

Innovation abounds in this Department. From reclaimed asphalt, warm mix, asset management, remote weather stations, Intelligent Transportation Systems, the great ideas go on and on.

Yes, we are still financially challenged. But instead of facing tens of millions of cuts with no alternative, many new approaches have been adopted. The sale of the I-95 high-level bridge in the next biennium alone will give the Highway Fund $52 million in new dollars. We now receive $8 million a year in court fines. In the last biennium we got a much-needed $90 million from the motor vehicle surcharge - money we spent wisely catching up on betterment and completing worthy projects throughout our State. The Highway Finance Commission has pointed the way for future Governors and Legislatures to adopt sustainable transportation funding to make sure we have the resources needed to do our job right.

I have taken the time to look back at my first note to you. That day I promised to actively listen to you - to lean on your wisdom and experience as we sorted our way through very troubled waters.

With Budget Town Hall Meetings, a strong labor management committee, new lean processes, employee surveys, many safety days, work site visits, and an untold number of meetings with you, the NHDOT has progressed to being a more functional working team. Thank you for all the insights and advice you have given me.

Are things perfect? Hardly. Along with state agencies throughout New Hampshire and America, we are caught in a political and economic crisis not of our making. Times are very uncertain and too many of our leaders confuse cutting expenses as a way out, rather than wisely investing in infrastructure. At the same time, expectations of the many services we deliver remain high and continue to grow. Yet we still have significant resources to do our job. I know for certain that most of you will work hard to get the most out of the money.

We have proven that given adequate resources, we can out perform any DOT in the country. The NHDOT is a collection of doers. The NHDOT is a workplace where 95% of us take pride in being here and coming to work every day.

Governor Lynch will soon announce my replacement. I know he will choose a new Commissioner who can lead this Department through turbulent waters while delivering on the variety of opportunities ahead.

I am proud to be your colleague. Thank you all for your hard work, your dedication to your jobs, and for all you do to make every day count. You have a vital mission for the people of New Hampshire. Take care of your health. Help your family members take care of theirs. Please work safely.
Illustrating Effective Stormwater Management

The Environment Bureau’s “Stormwater Management Team” continues to attend events across the state to help spread the word about achieving higher water quality through the effective management of stormwater runoff. A new display table that debuted at “Discover Wild New Hampshire Day” in Concord shows the “cleaning effect” or filtration that detention basins, grass swales, etc. provide to water before entering a water body. In this photo, team member Laurel Kenna shows interested onlookers the difference between the filtered water and water that would emerge directly from a drainage pipe into a river, lake or stream. The new table was built by Matt Urban and Randy Talon. Other members of the stormwater team include Ron Crickard and Darrel Elliott.

New Roadside “Service Patrol” Introduced On I-95

Pilot Project From Exit 7
To The Massachusetts State Line

Motorists stranded with minor vehicle problems on Interstate 95 from Portsmouth to Seabrook are now getting help from the same type of roadside service that has been running on the southern section of Interstate 93 for three years. The Turnpikes Bureau introduced “service patrols” on I-95 in May, from Exit 7 to the Massachusetts state line during early morning and afternoon commuting hours.

The goal is to reduce the potential for significant traffic tie-ups by clearing minor incidents, such as flat tires, charging a battery, or vehicle overheating, as quickly as possible.

The $40,000 service patrol initiative is a three-month pilot project during I-95 peak summer traffic. Outfitted pick-up trucks operated by NHDOT Turnpike personnel make continuous loops between Exit 7 in Portsmouth and Exit 60 in Salisbury, Massachusetts, stopping for all incidents encountered. The service patrols are operating during early morning and late afternoon hours from Monday through Friday, and for eight hour periods on Saturdays and Sundays. Minor incidents like flat tires and running out of fuel on a congested highway have the potential to cause secondary incidents, which are typically more serious in nature. Service patrols can help reduce the potentially significant impacts of otherwise minor incidents by lending assistance to stranded motorists. Also, studies have shown that even minor incidents on the shoulder of a busy highway can have a significant impact on lane capacity, vehicle speeds, and driver safety because drivers tend to shy away from fixed or still objects near the travel way. The established I-93 service patrols, from the state line to Exit 5, have been very well received by motorists and NH State Police. Results have shown reduced vehicle breakdown time by approximately 102 hours per month.
The Long and Winding Road –

District 1 Helps DRED with Mt. Washington Snow Tractors

The sign at the bottom says, “If you have a fear of heights you may not appreciate this driving experience.” As one on-line reviewer put it, “I think scared out of your mind would be more accurate.”

The Mt. Washington Auto Road is not for everyone. The nearly eight mile road up the eastern ridge of the northeast’s highest mountain along a steep grade (18%) is narrow, bumpy and has no guardrails. Now in its 150th year (built in 1861), the road is billed as “America’s Oldest Manmade Tourist Attraction.” After an exhilarating (or is that white-knuckle?) drive, you are rewarded at the top with fantastic views and possibly some unpredictable weather.

In the winter months two snow tractors are used to transport workers and contractors to the Mt. Washington Observatory at the 6,288 foot summit.

“The snow tractors are used to knock down drifts after every storm,” says Mike Pelchat, Manager of Mt. Washington State Park. “They don’t plow the roads, but cut a shelf, which can reach 20 feet high.”

When spring finally arrives on the mountain, Pelchat has relied for many years on NHDOT District One employees to bring the snow tractors down the mountain on flatbed trailers for storage. This year Larry Wells (Jefferson #108) and James Fortin (Pinkham Notch #113) did the honors, transporting the 12-foot wide tractors down the 14-foot wide road in late May. Fortin brings the insight and expertise of someone who works in road maintenance for the Auto Road on weekends. Mike Pelchat greatly appreciates the professionalism and skill of the crew.

The State of New Hampshire is lucky to have him working for DOT. I appreciate Larry’s and everyone else’s help in NH DOT to transport DRED’s valuable snow tractors to under cover at the Bartlett Shed.”

“Not any regular hauler can do this feat,” Pelchat says. “Larry is awesome in his operating heavy equipment ability.

• The road climbs 4,618 feet in 7.6 miles at an average gradient of 11.6%.
• When first opened in 1861, Abraham Lincoln was President and there were 34 states.
• The oldest auto race in the U.S. was first hosted on the auto road in 1904.
• Toll Road rates: $30 for a guided tour; $25 for a car and driver - $8 each additional person.
• Total number of cars driven up the Auto Road since 1899 - 750,000
• Current Auto Road driving record set by Travis Pastrana in Sept. 2010 - 6 minutes and 20 seconds
• Number of fatalities that have occurred on the road since it opened in 1861 - 3
Hampton Open Road Tolling Wins Transportation Award

$17 Million Facility Built in Just 10 Months

It was delivered on time and under budget, and a year later the Open Road Tolling enhancement at the Hampton Tolls on I-95 is more than living up to its promise.

The speed by which the challenging project was accomplished has been recognized with an “American Transportation Award”, winning in the “On Time – Small Project” category. The regional award was presented to Commissioner George Campbell at the annual meeting of the Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials (NASTO) on June 7 in Mystic, Connecticut.

“The variety of projects featured in this year’s northeastern competition is amazing,” said Susan Martinovich, AASHTO president and director of the Nevada Department of Transportation. “The America’s Transportation Awards each year showcase the tremendous work being done by state departments of transportation. This year’s entries are particularly outstanding because of the immediate benefits they bring to the communities they serve and because they demonstrate a high level of creative problem solving.”

This $17 million dollar project to convert the Hampton mainline toll plaza to open-road tolling was successfully completed on a fast-tracked 16-month schedule that included 10 months of construction. According to the award recognition statement, “the conversion to open road tolling allowed the New Hampshire DOT to cost-effectively increase traffic capacity and safety at the toll plaza.”

Winners from regional competitions will compete for the national Grand Prize and People’s Choice Award, which will be presented at the AASHTO Annual Meeting on October 16 in Detroit.

NH Turnpike System Introduces E-ZPass “On-the-Go”

Convenient Transponder Can Be Used Immediately for Tolls

There are no lines and no waiting with E-ZPass “On-the-Go.” The NH DOT is adding to the benefits of electronic tolling with the introduction of a transponder that can be used immediately anywhere E-ZPass is accepted.

“E-ZPass On-the-Go is a ready-to-use, convenient option as a gift, for vacationers, or for anyone looking to travel as far south as Virginia or west to Indiana,” says Bob Christensen, Toll Manager at the Turnpikes Bureau. “The goal of this effort is to provide another E-ZPass customer service feature.”

The pre-programmed E-ZPass transponders with $9.05 in pre-loaded tolls can be purchased at AAA Offices in New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine for $30. The balance of $20.95 is the cost of the transponder. Those purchasing E-ZPass on the go will have three days to open up an E-ZPass account, or add the transponder to an existing account. Approximately 62% of all motorists driving on the New Hampshire Turnpike System use E-ZPass.
Turnpike Team Takes Third Place at Event Held at Wellington State Park

Teams from District 5 captured the top two overall spots at the 2011 NHDOT Safety Plow Rally. A record turnout of 221 competitors, family, retirees and interested spectators attended the 34th annual event on May 12, which was hosted by District 2 at Wellington State Park in Alexandria.

Coming off a second place finish in 2010, the team of Mike Wheeler and Matt LeBlanc out of the District 5 patrol shed in Warner (526) finished on top as the overall winning team in 2011, helped by first place finishes in both the “Texas Roll” and “Wing Slalom” events.

Second place went to the District 5 team of Kevin Conway (PS 525 Canterbury) and Ben Hall (PS 504 Henniker), which also won the “Defective Truck” event.

The third place overall winning team was the Turnpikes team of David Sayboll and Jon Steeves, which also won the “Plow Mount” competition.

Mike Caron, who was part of the Turnpikes Team that finished first in 2010, was presented with the first place award for “Innovations” in 2011, a storm grate remover that he designed and built.

Among those in attendance who recognized the NHDOT for its winter maintenance efforts was Executive Councilor Ray Burton, who rode along with District 1 crews in Franconia and Crawford Notches during snowstorms this past winter.
# 2011 Safety Plow Rally Results

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## Overall Winning Teams

1st Place
- District 5 – PS 526 Warner
- Mike Wheeler, Driver
- Matt LeBlanc, Assistant

2nd Place
- District 5 - PS 525 Canterbury PS 504 Henniker
- Kevin Conway, Driver
- Ben Hall, Assistant

3rd Place
- Turnpikes
- Central Turnpike
- David Sayboll, Driver
- Jon Steeves, Assistant

## Innovations

1st Place
- Grate Remover
  - Turnpikes
  - Hooksett Maintenance
- Designed and fabricated by: Mike Caron (HM 3)
- Used by: Hooksett Maintenance

2nd Place
- Delineator Post Pounder
  - District 3
  - PS 305 Moultonborough
- Designed and fabricated by: Thomas Norcross
- Highway Patrol Foreman
- Used by: District 3 PS 305 crew

3rd Place
- Adjustable Hot Top Corners and Rakes for Grader Shim
  - District 6
- Designed by: Jeff Moore Maintenance Supervisor
- Fabricated by: Bill Ireland and Tom Weeden, District 6
- Used by: District 6

## Logo Design

1st Place
- District 1 – Lancaster
- Ron Glover
- Maintenance Supervisor
Wood Furnaces Aimed at Energy Efficiency and Cost Savings

21 Patrol Facilities Being Outfitted with Supplemental Heat

Burning wood at many of the 100+ Department of Transportation patrol facilities across the state is not new. Many have utilized the renewable resource in various forms of stoves for years.

But beginning next winter, 21 NHDOT patrol facilities across the state will utilize some of the latest technology in wood-burning to supplement their heating systems and greatly reduce the amount of heating oil needed to keep their buildings warm. Highly energy efficient and clean burning outdoor wood furnaces are being installed in all six Highway Maintenance Districts. Escalating oil prices are also raising the expectations in cost-savings.

“Based upon 2009 oil prices, we estimated these new wood furnaces in all 21 patrol sheds would save the state between $150,000 and $200,000 a year. With today’s oil prices, we now see the potential savings at up to $300,000 a year,” says Public Works Bureau project manager Ronald Huppe, Jr.

Huppe estimates that savings could range between 60 percent and 90 percent of annual fuel costs during a typical winter, depending upon how aggressively the new furnaces are used.

“It will save an incredible amount of energy and fuel costs. We’re looking at a three to five year payback for this investment. We are making these buildings much more energy efficient.”

- Project Manager Ronald Happe, Jr.

The outdoor wood furnaces, valued at about $40,000 each, are part of a $1.8 million federal award to New Hampshire from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for energy efficiency projects. They are the first outdoor wood furnaces certified by the Environment Protection Agency with greatly reduced emissions.

“These furnaces are ninety percent cleaner than older wood furnaces,” says Rick Kezar, who works for Central Boiler, a Minnesota company that was the winning bidder on the project. It’s an environmental improvement confirmed by the EPA’s website. “Air is injected into the fire box and forces unburned gases downward where they are burned up. It’s incredible how efficient they are,” Kezar adds.

The outside furnace is usually located from 30 to 200 feet away from a building, and works with any existing heating system. A water jacket surrounds the furnace firebox and heat exchanger, and heated water is circulated to the building through insulated underground pipes.
The outdoor wood furnaces will need to be fed a couple of times of day. It also means that the patrol crews involved will have to get into the routine of gathering firewood and managing the furnace. They’ll be trained on how to use the furnaces in the coming months.

“It will be a learning experience for us,” says District 5 (Allenstown #506) Patrol Foreman David Evans. His shed currently uses about 800 gallons of heating oil every winter.

NHDOT Assistant Director of Operations Bill Janelle said the patrol facilities receiving the outdoor wood furnaces were chosen based on research into which sheds had space, older heating units, and a potential wood supply. It’s anticipated that inmate crews from the Department of Corrections will assist with some of the wood gathering efforts.

“This initiative allows us to get away from the reliance on heating oil and the price fluctuations we can’t control,” Janelle says. “It will also go a long way towards helping to meet the Governor’s call for a twenty-five percent reduction of all the energy we use by 2025.”

Other facilities in New Hampshire receiving energy efficient improvements include:

- DHHS/DES Headquarters in Concord – two natural gas-fired boilers
- NH Hospital in Concord – 59 solar panels to heat hot water
- Department of Safety boathouse in Belmont – propane heaters
- Concord District Courthouse – two natural gas-fired boilers
- The Urban Forestry Center in Portsmouth – a wood-fired boiler and heating system

The Appeal of an Outside Wood Furnace...

- Wood is renewable, inexpensive, carbon neutral, and not subject to fossil fuel price fluctuations.
- Outside burning takes up no interior space, removes the threat of devastating chimney fires, dangerous carbon monoxide or oxygen depletion which affects indoor air quality. It also eliminates the smoke, ashes, odors and soot buildup on walls and ceilings.
- The outdoor furnace is located outside, typically 30 to 200 feet (but as far as 500 feet) away from a building, and works with any existing heating system.
- A water jacket surrounds the furnace firebox and heat exchanger, and heated water is circulated to the building through insulated underground pipes – an efficient way to move heat over distances.
- The outdoor furnace is designed to work with any existing heating system. This allows normal thermostatic temperature control.
- The outdoor furnace has the ability to heat multiple buildings without using other heating sources.
One-Third of State Management Program Graduates from the NHDOT

With the NH Department of Transportation almost certainly facing a pressing need for new managers, a record 40 NHDOT employees recently graduated from at least one level of the State’s Certified Public Management Program. That was one-third of the total number of 120 graduates from all state agencies!

The goal of the program is to improve public sector managers and the organizational performance of state, local and federal government. The program has two levels – Level 1 (Certified Public Supervisor) and Level 2 (Certified Public Manager) for a total of 300 hours of structured learning activities over two years. Course work studies include: conflict management, business writing, employment law, interviewing skills, ethics, State budget and purchasing procedures, and supervising employee performance.

For the first time, the NHDOT had significant participation from the Highway Maintenance and Bridge Maintenance Bureaus.

Certified Public Supervisor Level 1 Graduates

Jonathan Asmund (Bridge Maintenance)  Mary Fox (Bridge Maintenance)  Christopher Moen (Bridge Maint)
Jay Nevin (Bridge Maintenance)  Kevin Carley (District 2)  Frederick Fielder (District 2)
Andrew Dame (District 3)  Susan Soucie (District 3)  Robert Hebert (District 4)
Glenn Smith (District 4)  Benjamin Tatro (District 4)  David Almon (District 6)
Patrick Holland (District 6)  Laurel Kenna (Environment)  Mia Daniels-Rhodes (Human Resources)
Kelly Hacking (Human Resources)  Tracey Adams (M & R)  Fred Butler (Stewardship & Comp.)
Jeff Harpring (Planning)  Susan Page (Traffic)  Susan Dearborn (Stewardship & Comp.)
Beth Gannon (Turnpikes)  Kimberlee Roux (Turnpikes)  Colette Farland-Vogt (Steward & Comp.)
Ryan Schleyer (Turnpikes)  Larry Kenniston (Rail & Transit)  Christine Bonoli-Stohlberg (Hwy Maint.)

Certified Public Management Level 2 Graduates

Christopher Hall (District 4)  Tyler Tommila (District 4)  Joseph Blair (Materials & Research)
Charles Dusseauault (Materials & Research)  Rocco Russell (Mechanical Svcs)  Aarron Smart (Mechanical Services)
Lisa Chamberlain (Planning)  Jim Irwin (Planning)  William Rose (Planning)
Renee Dupuis (Turnpikes)  Elaine LaPointe (Turnpikes)  Celeste Soucy-Muise (Turnpikes)
Deborah Watts (Turnpikes)
**ON THE MOVE**

**NHDOT People**

Bill Jennison was recognized for 20 years of State service at the May major staff meeting. Bill is the Supervisor of Project Estimating in the Project Programming Section of the Bureau of Finance and Contracts. The Belmont resident has also worked in the Traffic and Planning Bureaus during his DOT career.

Tom Jameson (Planning and Community Assistance) reached the 25 years of service milestone on May 19. Tom is a Project Manager overseeing the Department’s Transportation Enhancement (TE) and CMAQ Programs. His first job with the Department was on a survey crew, and he has held several positions in the Highway Design, Planning and Rail and Transit Bureaus, including Chief of Pavement & Crash Data and State Bicycle and Pedestrian Engineer.

Paula Nash began work at the NHDOT in early June as the Department’s new Wellness Coordinator. For the past 17 years, Paula has been the Nutrition Manager at Havenwood Heritage Heights in Concord. The Pembroke resident has a degree in nutrition from Keene State College.

David Rodrigue assumed the position of District 5 Highway Maintenance Engineer on May 2nd. The 20-year veteran of the NHDOT spent nine years in the Construction Bureau before moving to the Traffic Bureau, where he served as Traffic Operations Engineer and Traffic Management Center Program Manager. More recently, Dave worked as Assistant Engineer in District 3, and as the interim Engineer in District 1.

Fran DeCinto has joined the NHDOT as the new Administrator of the Bureau of Human Resources. Fran brings the Department over 14 years of management level experience in Human Resources in both the public and private sectors. She previously worked as a Human Resource Administrator for both the Departments of Environmental Services and Health and Human Services. Most recently, Fran worked in the Windham/Pelham school district.

Jim Wheeler (District 5) was recognized for 25 years of State service at the June major staff meeting. Jim is the Patrol Foreman at the Hollis #515 patrol facility.

**116 Years of Highway Maintenance in Bristol and Danbury**

Four men who have held the position of Patrol Foreman at District 2’s Bristol Patrol Section (206) gathered for a photo at the 2011 Plow Rally. From the left - Mark Avery, current Patrol Foreman (13 years), Dennis Ford, currently Maintenance Supervisor for District 2 (30 years), Merton Austin, retired in 2001 (31 years) and John “Willie” Wentworth, retired in 1989 (42 years).
Al Cilley retired on June 1 after 32 1/2 years with the NHDOT. From 1978 to 1982, Al worked in Highway Survey in District 3. He moved on Geodetic Survey in Concord for nine years, and from 1991 to 1999 he worked for Plan Prep in Highway Design. Since 1999, Al has worked in Engineering Audit. In addition to his regular audit work, Al was responsible for gathering and organizing information for the “Safe Driving and Major Construction Information Guide”, as well as entering construction information into the 511 system.

Phil Huntley (Highway Maintenance) retired on June 1 after a DOT career that spanned 24 1/2 years. The Hillsboro resident spent two decades as an engineering technician in the Well Section. In that position, he assisted homeowners with the replacement of wells contaminated by salt. He also assisted Rest Areas and Patrol Sheds with water-related issues. Phil plans to keep working for the state (DRED) this summer at Pillsbury State Park in Washington.

Bill Hauser retired on June 30 with more than 36 years of State service, all with the NHDOT. Bill’s spent nearly all of his DOT career in the Environment Bureau, servicing for 15 years as Administrator of the Bureau. Four years ago, Bill played a major role in establishing and then heading up the new Office of Stewardship and Compliance, focusing on environmental protection, and the health and safety of DOT employees.

Pam Mitchell’s fellow Operations Division Engineers wished her well upon her retirement at her final District Engineer’s meeting held in Gilford. Pam’s 32+ years of service with the NHDOT began as an Engineering Tech 1 in Highway Design in November of 1978. Aside from a six month stop in Construction, Pam spent the past 28 years of her career in District 5, working her way to Engineer in 1996 and Principal Engineer in 2007. Pictured are (l to r) Mark Morrill (District 3), Doug Graham (District 4), Pam Mitchell, Doug DePorter (District 6), Mark Kirouac (Assistant Highway Maintenance Engineer), Brian Schutt (District 1), Caleb Dobbins (Highway Maintenance Engineer) and Alan Hanscom (District 2).

Dave Reimers (Construction Bureau) retired on June 1 from a DOT career that spanned six decades. Dave’s more than 43 years of State service began in March of 1968. Dave Reimers was the “DEAN” of the District Construction Engineers, as he was a District Construction Engineer for more than 20 years, with more than 170 contracts, including most recently, the Manchester Airport Access Road.

Gene Sanborn (Bridge Maintenance) retired from state service on June 30. Gene had 33 years working for the state. He began in District 2’s Canaan Shed and then moved to Bridge Maintenance where he spent time in crews 4, 3, 8 and 5. Gene was a Bridge Maintainer 3 who was relied on to do the crew’s “skilled Bridgeman work”.

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Service Awards (3rd Quarter)

10 Years:
David Simonella - Construction/Engineering Audit
Doris Abair - Turnpikes
Ernest Jeffrey - Highway Design
Francis Whelan - Turnpikes
Gary Leblanc - District 6
Gloria Chamberland - Finance
Kim Moensad - Turnpikes
Mary Ellen Emmerling - Finance
Stephen Mandeville - Materials & Research
Steven Quirion - Construction/Engineering Audit
Terry Hooper - District 6
Trina Russo - Highway Design

15 Years:
Dana Gravel - Highway Design
Daniel Kendall - Mechanical Services
Hiram Bickford - District 6
John Rooney - District 1
Mark Corrigan - Mechanical Services
Robert Plaisted - District 2

20 Years:
Daniel Dionne - Bridge Maintenance
Douglas Rojek - District 3
Gerald Barss - District 5
Lane Evans - District 3
Larry Wells - District 1
Mark Sleeper - District 3
Russell Smith - District 1
William Gagnon - District 1

25 Years:
Alan Hanscom - District 2
Brian Ordway - District 2
James Minichiello - Right-Of-Way
Leon Fannion - Materials & Research
Mary Holmes - Materials & Research
Randy Talon - Environment
Reagan Clarke - District 2
Roger Gonyo - Bridge Maintenance
Scott Blaisdell - Turnpikes
Scott Looney - District 5
William Oldenburg - Highway Design

30 Years:
Gregg Miles - Bridge Maintenance
Roger Dion - Turnpikes

Pete Stamnas (Highway Design) was recognized for 25 years of State service at the July major staff meeting. Pete began his DOT career in the Bridge Design Bureau, working on such notable projects as the Scammell Bridge replacement and the Epping rapid bridge construction project.

Since 2006, Pete has been Project Manager of the $800 million rebuilding of I-93 between Salem and Manchester.
Personnel Updates (for the third quarter)

New Hires:
Paula Nash - Program Specialist II, Steward & Compliance
William Taylor - Engineering Technician II, Construction

Promotions:
Zachary Barton - Highway Maintainer II, Dist. 2, Crew 10
Andre Brasseur - Highway Maintainer II, District 1, Crew 4
Alissa Briggs - Administrative Secretary, District 5, DO 20
Philip Brogan - Civil Engineer II, Bridge Design
Steven Bullek - Asst Hwy Patrol Foreman, Dist. 6, Crew 9
David Caron - Financial Analyst, Finance And Contracts
Kathy Chiasson - Toll Attendant II, Tpk-Hampton Main Toll
Kevin Conway - Asst Hwy Patrol Foreman, Dist. 5, Crew 26
Robin Davis - Asst Hwy Patrol Foreman, Dist. 3, Crew 24
Denise Helander - Clerk IV, Turnpikes-Hooksett
Naomi Kalies - Prgm Specialist II, Commissioners Office
Laura McCarthy - Supervisor II - Traffic TMC
Trisha Morrison - Supervisor VI, Right Of Way
Nelson Morton - Highway Maintainer II, District 6, Crew 1
Larry Myers - Highway Maintainer III, District 5, Crew 6
Karyn Olson - Accounting Tech, Finance & Contracts
Richard Patten - Maint Supervisor, District 4, Crew 32
Charles Picardi - Highway Maint III, Tpk-Nashua Maint
Brian Pike - Supervisor VI, Fuel Distribution
David Rodrigue - Principal Engineer, District 5, Do 20
Amy Rook - Administrative Secretary, Environment
William Saffian - Civil Engineer V, Bridge Design
Mark Schwarz - Highway Maintainer III, District 2, Crew 5
Eric Scott - Tran Mgmt Comm Spec II, Traffic TMC
Matthew Shottes - Highway Maintainer III, Dist 5, Crew 27
Michael Smith - Bridge Inspector, Bridge Design
Brian Sousa - Asst Highway Patrol Foreman, Dist 2, Crew 5
Gregory Stone - Supervisor III, Maintenance
Bevan Timm - Row Agent I, Right Of Way

Retirees:
Thomas Balint - Eng Tech V, Planning & System Dev (27)
Brian Beaudin - Asst Hwy Patrol Foreman, Dist. 1, Crew 15 (26)
John Blasik - Highway Maintainer II, District 5, Crew 12 (17)
Donna Bowes - Toll Attendant II, Tpk-Hooksett Main Toll (13)
William Chamberlin - Eng Tech IV, Dist. 2, Do 20 (27)
Merton Chancey - Hwy Maintainer II, District 5, Crew 10 (34)
Alan Cilley - Engineering Technician IV, Construction (32)
Stewart Clifford - Traffic Signal Tech IV, Traffic Sig Crews (25)
David Coffey - Bridge Inspector, Bridge Design (38)
Robert Donnelly - Inf Ctr Attendant I, District 5, Crew 41(11)
Wendell Durling - Telecommunications Tech I, Traffic TMC (50)
Philip Huntley - Engineering Technician IV, Maintenance (24)
Edward Hyde - Toll Attendant I, Tpk-Hooksett Main Toll (24)
Frank Lackey - Highway Maintainer III, District 4, Crew 7 (19)
William Little - Bridge Inspector, Bridge Design (32)
Alan Locke - Highway Maintainer III, District 1, Crew 24 (18)
Dennis Mcalister - Asst Hwy Patrol Fmn, Dist. 2, Crew 5 (13)
Pamela Mitchell - Principal Engineer, District 5, Do 20 (32)
Raymond Mulleavey - Highway Maint II, Dist. 1, Crew 15 (10)
Donald Patten - Engineering Technician IV, Hwy Design (33)
Diane Pinard - Human Resources Assistant II, Trnpks-Hkst (21)
James Ray - Maintenance Supervisor, District 4, Crew 32 (29)
David Reimers - Civil Engineer VI, Construction (43)
David Spaulding - Hwy Patrol Foreman, Dist 4, Crew 1 (31)
Steven Sweeney - Survey Team Tech IV, Hwy Design (35)
James Tennis - Highway Maintainer III, District 1, Crew 6 (10)
Jack Theodore - Sign Fabricator, Traffic Sign Shop (31)
Gary Williams - Highway Maintainer II, Dist 1, Crew 24 (16)
Natalie Yancey - Toll Attendant II, Tpk-Dover Toll (22)
I wanted to pass along my thanks for the recent work in restriping the northbound travel lanes at Exit 1.

Not having to worry about the 3 to 2 lane reduction bottleneck is a wonderful thing.

I look at the re-configuration and say ‘Geez—that makes so much sense, how come I never suggested it?’

I’m proud to live in a state where road improvement projects are both well-managed and executed in a timely manner.

Best wishes to your whole team.

regards,

Steve Heffelfinger
Derry

June 20, 2011

Last Thursday afternoon on I-95 my motorcycle and I had to stop due to mechanical problems. In the space of the next hours THREE D.O.T. employees, one in a truck the other two on mowers stopped to see if I was OK. I was pleasantly flabbergasted! I live in New Hampshire where I might expect this to happen, but on the other hand I don’t think this courtesy and kindness would be expressed in some of the other states in which I’ve lived. It made me proud to be from New Hampshire, in particular since out-of-state motorcyclists can expect the same kind of courtesy.

Thank you. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Rick Fournier

The below letter was sent to NHDOT Municipal Highways Engineer Nancy Mayville.

May 15, 2011

Please accept our thanks and appreciation for all the effort you and your staff have put in directing and funding the Bridge Maintenance Division of DOT in repairing and rehabilitating the Old Mill Bridge and the Snell Road Bridge in the Town of Lee.

Bridge Maintenance staff Doug Gosling, Timothy Boodey, and foreman Paul Spinney were great to work with and did a great job saving the two bridges and prolonging their life for another 15 to 20 years. We were quite impressed with the progress and finished product pictures of the repair work that our Highway Supervisor brought in for us to see. This was certainly a win-win situation for the Town and allows the Town to save funds for the eventual replacement of the two bridges.

With all of the bridges that DOT has to maintain, we feel fortunate that your Department was able to get Bridge Maintenance to repair these two bridges. Towns in this state would be in a tough position if the State did not fund and assist the Bridge program as it presently does. Again, thank you for administering the repair on these two bridges.

Lee Board of Selectmen
Your Health - Did You Know?

Take Action Against Cancer

By NHDOT Wellness Coordinator Paula Nash

There are many causes for cancer; but your actions can help to prevent cancer! The American Institute of Cancer Research estimates at least 1/3 of all cancers are related to lifestyle choices. Early detection is essential in the battle against cancer. Regular screenings for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer can save lives. Ask your doctor if you should be having any of these screens based on you age and health risks. The Anthem insurance plans cover the costs of preventative screening procedures.

Smoking is the number one contributor to cancer in the United States. If you are currently a smoker and quit, you can reduce your risk of heart disease by 50% according to the Surgeon General. It’s never too late to say you are a nonsmoker! There are many avenues of help available to you as you work on quitting smoking. The Anthem insurance plans have coverage for the cost of some medications to help with the reduction of cravings as you quit. The Employee Assistance Program can assist you with smoking cessation information or you may want to try their “Freedom From Smoking” group. The American Lung Association also has an online smoking cessation program, called Freedom From Smoking. Call the New Hampshire Tobacco Quit hotline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669).

Summer is here, but you need to protect your skin year round. Being proactive will help in your fight against skin cancer. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommends you put sunscreen on at least one half hour before you go outside and then reapply it every two hours. Read the labels on your sunscreen and look for UVA and UVB protection. In the next year you will be seeing the wording “Broad Spectrum UV Protection” on sunscreens. These products provide the best protection. All sunscreens should have a SPF of 15 or higher. Don’t be one of the two million cases of skin cancer that will be diagnosed this year!

Take control of your future and work to reduce your risks of developing cancer.

Two District 5 employees were recognized at the June major staff meeting for their quick response to a medical emergency. Patrol Foreman Peg Smith (pictured – Bedford #511) and Safety Coordinator Robert Richards were attending the District 5 Environmental, Health and Safety Day on May 18 when they noticed a co-worker appearing to be showing signs of a stroke. Their quick reactions “were critical towards securing a rapid medical response that greatly contributed to that co-worker’s quick treatment and recovery.” Peg Smith credited taking a NHDOT First Aid course for enabling her to detect what was happening and to act quickly.