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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 was conceived with the goal of integrating people with disabilities into all aspects of life, with Transportation playing a key role in its fulfillment.

The U.S. Census Bureau reported that the overall percentage of New Hampshire residents with a disability was 12.7%. This means that 166,300 of 1,309,800 people have one or more disabilities. This does not take into account persons with temporary disabilities due to an accident or sickness. These statistics underscore the need to ensure physical accessibility is consistent statewide. As Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), I believe it is the duty of this department to develop and implement a plan to meet that need. To assure that appropriate program measures are implemented, monitored and updated, I have designated Sandt Michener as the Department’s ADA Title II Coordinator. Mr. Michener can be reached by telephone at 603.271.3736 or by email at smichener@dot.state.nh.us.

This document will serve as the guideline to ensure that NHDOT rights-of-ways, including sidewalks, curb ramps, and crosswalks — are accessible to and usable by people of all abilities. The Transition Plan articulates the current state of accessibility of NHDOT assets and provides a clear path to make its assets accessible to everyone. NHDOT is committed to meeting the requirements of the ADA for the benefit of all who live in, work in or visit New Hampshire.