Regional Housing Initiatives Roundtable

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Agenda

• RPC Summaries of Regional Housing Initiatives (20 min.)
  - Manchester Housing Task Force
  - Keys to the Valley
  - Monadnock Housing Roundtable
  - Facilitating Housing Outreach & Discussion with North Country Businesses

• Roundtable Discussion (25 min.)
• Questions & Answers (10 min.)
Placemaking at Manchester Station should include clear wayfinding and signage for the station and Miliary shuttle. The historic Switch Tower could be renovated to provide amenity retail and public spaces near the station.

New mixed-use development at scale to support TOD, including retail and services in priority locations along Elm Street and Valley Street to the station.

Bike infrastructure should be improved while taking into account maintenance, snow removal, and other needs. When physically-separated bike facilities are not possible, they should be visually prominent. Snow removal is important for bicycle and pedestrian access throughout the TOD area.

New road connections provide access to new development and include high-quality pedestrian environments. Frequent high-visibility crosswalks, sidewalks at least 8 feet in width, including street trees in the sidewalk, and orienting the building and entrances to the sidewalk all help promote a walkable TOD area.
Keys to the Valley
Facilitating Housing Outreach & Discussion with North Country Businesses
Roundtable Discussion
Resources

- *Regional Planning and Coordination are Critical to Addressing New Hampshire’s Housing Crisis* (NHMA Town and City Magazine – March/April 2021)
- *Manchester Housing Task Force* – recording of first meeting – September 21, 2020
- *Keys to the Valley*
- *Monadnock Housing Roundtable*
- *North Country Housing Study*
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• Topic: Welcome to the Board – An Introduction to Land Use Boards

• Date/Time: April 15, 2021, 12 PM

• Presenters: Stephanie Verdile and Michael Klass, Principal Planners at NHOSI

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