



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Report

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) is required to ensure that decisions of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission related to transportation are based on technical expertise, community goals and objectives, and sound planning principles. The Committee's responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Render technical advice to the NRPC regarding contemplated or ongoing projects in the form of written memorandums and presentations at NRPC meetings.
2. Make recommendations regarding the utilization of the media to provide information which will keep citizens well informed of the transportation planning process.
3. Utilize informal working sessions with citizens for an exchange of views regarding planning programs.

The following report summarizes the activities of the TTAC for the last several months and provides an outline of the anticipated work products to be completed through the end of FFY10.

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

1. **Ten Year Plan Process:** The Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) completed a comprehensive and cooperative planning approach to develop programming recommendations for the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program, the 2011-2020 Ten Year Program and the outer years of the NRPC's Long Range Transportation Plan. As was the case in the last update cycle NRPC will consider a longer timeframe when developing project recommendations to allow programming flexibility and implementation in a fiscally responsible manner. Recognizing the fiscal limitations faced by NHDOT, NRPC did not recommend adding new projects to the Ten Year Plan. Working through the existing TTAC meeting structure, NRPC staff developed project programming recommendations for consideration by NHDOT as they work with GACIT to develop the Ten Year Plan. The following outlines the approach implemented by the NRPC Staff and TTAC.
 - The February meeting focused on review of the current Ten Year Plan and TIP projects with the goal of verifying the status of the existing projects and reviewing financial constraint of the document.
 - The March meeting focused on regional needs and priorities and how the economic stimulus may impact funding of project over the next several years.
 - The April meeting focused on how to prioritize existing and proposed projects. The TTAC reviewed a list of projects that are likely to have a high priority in the region.
 - In May NRPC staff worked with the TTAC and member communities to develop a prioritized list of projects to be submitted for consideration by NHDOT.
 - The June meeting centered on the review and approval of **staff level recommendation** for Ten Year Plan Priorities.

In September and October the NRPC participated in the GACIT Hearings around the region and continued to work with NHDOT to address the needs of the region through the Ten Year Plan Process.

2. **Transportation Enhancements Projects:** The Nashua Regional Planning Commission received, reviewed and ranked seven applications for funding through the 2009 – 2010 Transportation Enhancement program. Six of the applications were submitted by NRPC member communities, and one was submitted by the NH Department of Transportation.

The applications were scored by NRPC staff with expertise in transportation planning, land use and environmental planning using criteria approved by the NRPC's *Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)*. After the projects were scored, they were ranked from highest total points to lowest total points by each scorer. The rankings were presented to the TTAC at their November 18, 2009 meeting, and approved for submittal to the NH DOT for inclusion in the statewide scoring and ranking process.

Ranking	Applicant	Project Title	DOT Application #
1	Town of Brookline	New Sidewalk Construction along NH Route 130	09-06TE
2	Milford Conservation Commission/DO-IT	Enhancements and New Construction to the Granite Town Rail Trail	09-27TE
3	Town of Milford	Continuation of Osgood Road Sidewalk Project - Phase II	09-26TE
4	City of Nashua	City of Nashua Heritage Rail Trail Extension and Bridge Repair	09-31TE
5	Town of Hollis	Ash Street and Silver Lake Road (NH Routes 130 & 122) Sidewalk Project	09-18TE
6	NHDOT	Historic Highway Bridge Inventories and Management Plans: Phase I	09-53TE
7	Town of Hudson	Route 102 Derry Road Project #13894	09-19TE

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

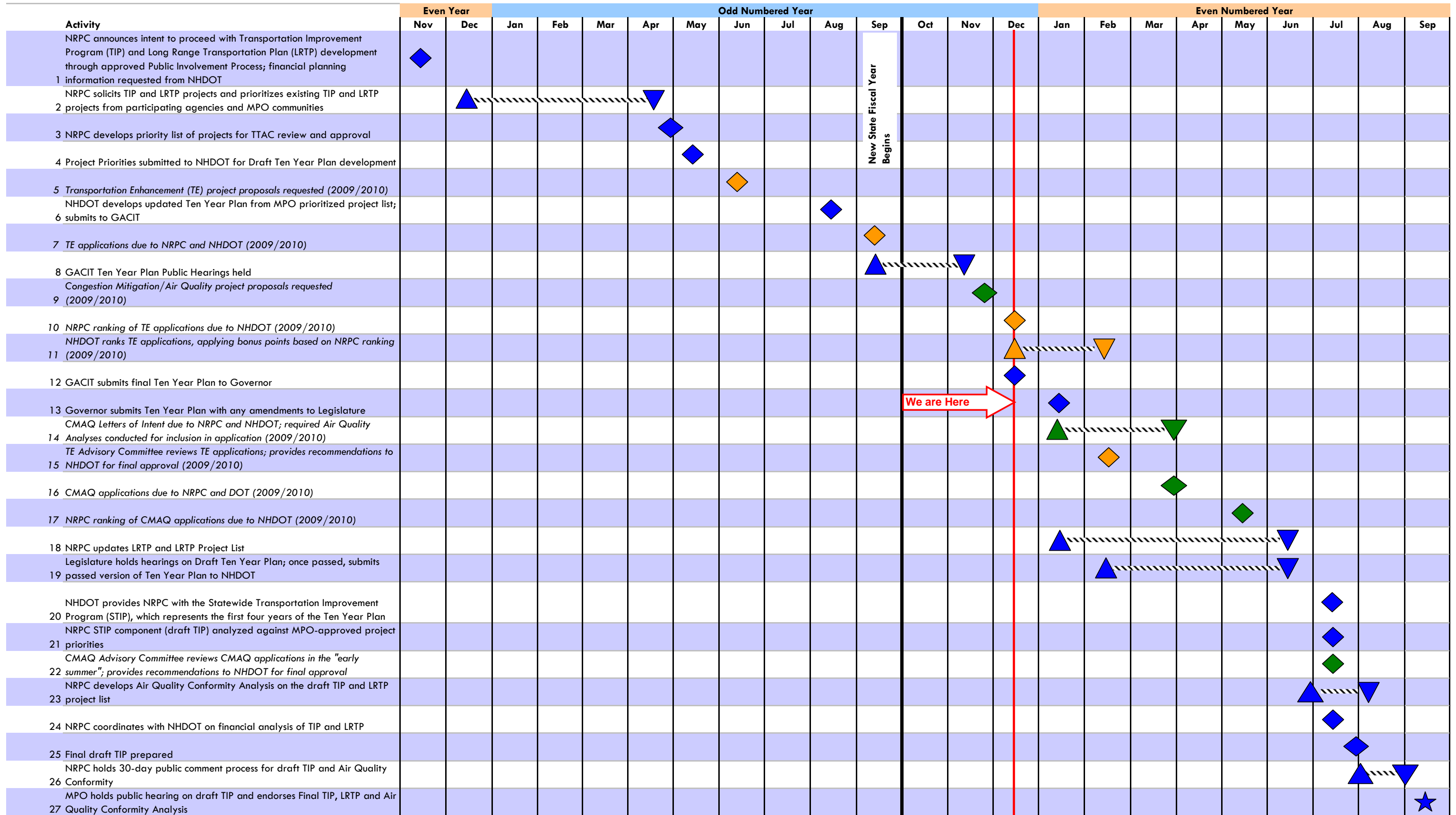
1. **Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ):** NRPC staff will be working with the TTAC and member communities to develop projects eligible for funding under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program. To be eligible for CMAQ funds, a proposed project must demonstrate air quality benefits to the portion of the region that is designated as non-attainment for ozone, or to the Cities of Nashua or Manchester, which are designated carbon monoxide maintenance areas. In the Nashua Regional Planning Commission area, the specific municipalities located within the non-attainment area are Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Nashua, and Pelham.

KEY DATES for the 2009 - 2010 CMAQ program are as follows:

- **January 8, 2010:** Letters of interest due to NHDOT **and** Nashua Regional Planning Commission by 12:00 pm.
 - **February 2010:** Mandatory Municipally Managed Project Workshops to be scheduled around the state.
 - **April 1, 2010:** Completed applications due to NHDOT and Nashua Regional Planning Commission by 3:00 pm.
2. **Transportation Planning Process:** Over the next nine months NRPC staff will work with the TTAC to develop the 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), update the Long Range Transportation Plan project list and complete the associated Air Quality Conformity Analysis. This work represents the core of the federal transportation planning process administered by NRPC.

This effort will culminate in fall of 2010 with a public hearing and a recommendation for approval of these documents by the NRPC commission. Attached to this report is a Gantt chart that details the steps the TTAC and NRPC staff will under take in the coming months to complete this process.

Ten Year Plan Process



Notes: **Blue** = LRTP/TYP/TIP Activity
Orange = Transportation Enhancement Activity
Green = Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Activity
Red line = Current position on timeline