

## Regional Coordinating Council Fact Sheet

Since its formation in 1959, NRPC has provided its member communities with comprehensive solutions to local environmental, land use, transportation, and regional planning issues as well as cutting edge mapping & data services. NRPC is well recognized for its exceptional service, receiving the 2006 Outstanding Plan Award from the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association for its Region-wide Buildout Analysis.

### What is the Statewide Coordinating Council (SCC)?

New Hampshire House Bill 767 created the Statewide Coordinating Council (SCC) for Community Transportation to develop, implement, and provide guidance for the coordination of shared transportation options within New Hampshire. Members of the SCC represent the state departments of Transportation, Health and Human Services, and Education as well as the Governor's Commission on Disability. Also represented are transit providers, the UNH Institute on Disability, AARP, Easter Seals, community action agencies, regional planning commissions, the Coalition of Aging Services, the Endowment for Health, and Granite State Independent Living.

The SCC sets statewide coordination policies for community transportation, establishes community transportation regions, and encourages the development of regional coordinating councils.

### What role do Regional Coordinating Councils (RCCs) play?

The Regional Coordinating Councils (RCCs) include local transportation providers, funding agencies, consumers, and agencies requiring transportation services. They are responsible for developing plans for their regional coordination systems and creating structures to govern them, such as bylaws and agreements among participants.

One of the primary roles of the RCCs is to select and oversee Regional Transportation Coordinators (RTCs) for their regions. This selection follows state procurement guidelines and the RTC must be approved by the SCC. The RTC, or broker, in each region manages a call center to schedule and arrange rides through its network of providers, signs contracts with providers and funding agencies, and handles data collection, billing, and reporting functions. The RTC is responsible for assuring quality service from its providers and expanding services as developed by the RCC.



### What is the overall purpose of this effort?

The purpose of this effort is to provide improved, cost effective, coordinated transportation services for those who need it, including persons with disabilities, the elderly, and individuals with lower incomes.

### What is happening in the Nashua Region?

Nine community transportation regions were identified around the state and each must develop a Regional Coordinating Council (RCC). Region 7 is comprised of the NRPC member communities. NRPC began the development process for the Region 7 RCC based on recommendations from the Locally Coordinated Transportation Plan, which was completed by NRPC in December 2006. The first step was to identify stakeholders from the region and form a committee to guide the RCC development process. The committee has met regularly since January 2007. During that time Bylaws and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) were developed.



The committee appointed NRPC staff to the positions of Chair, Vice-chair, and Secretary of the RCC in April 2008. In August, NRPC submitted copies of the Region 7 MOU, bylaws, work plan, and member list to the SCC with a request to be formally recognized as the Region 7 RCC. In October, the SCC officially recognized the committee as the Region 7 RCC, the first group to be recognized in the state. Next steps include the development of minimum criteria for a Regional Transportation Coordinator (RTC) and the identification and selection of that Coordinator.



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