



# Ossipee Transportation Center *Feasibility Study*



*Project Advisory Committee #2*

*Thursday, July 22, 2004*

*10 AM to 12 PM*



# Agenda

- Approval of 6/25/04 Meeting Minutes
- Approval of PAC Guidelines
- Existing Conditions Overview
- Draft Purpose and Need Statement
- Potential Site Evaluation Criteria
- Potential Transportation Center Sites
- Public Comment Period
- Next Meeting

# *Existing Conditions Overview*

## *Town of Ossipee Demographics*

- Population: 4,211 people
- Growth (1990-2000): +902 people, or 27%
- Fifth fastest-growing community in Lakes Region (in percent)

Source: 2000 U.S. Census data in *Lakes Region Demographic Profile*, July 2003

# Existing Conditions Overview

## Demographics (cont'd)

- Median Age: 41.5 years; +5 years since 1980
- 18% of residents are seniors
- Population Density: 59 persons/sq. mile
- Housing: 2,742 housing units; about 1/3 are seasonal
- Largest Employers: County government, Hannaford's, McDonald's, Ossipee Aggregates

Sources: 2000 U.S. Census data in *Lakes Region Demographic Profile*, July 2003

Employer information: New Hampshire Employment Security Website, 2003 data

# Existing Conditions Overview

## Travel Patterns

### Work Trips:

- 42% of employed residents work in Ossipee
- Other major work trip destinations are Wolfeboro and Conway
- 83% drive alone to work, 9% carpool, 5% work at home, 3% walk

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Journey-to-Work data in *Lakes Region Demographic Profile*, July 2003

# *Existing Conditions Overview*

## *Travel Patterns (cont'd)*

### **Tourist Trips:**

- Over 26 million tourist trips to NH in 2000-2001
- Summer most popular, followed by fall, spring and winter

Source: *Lakes Region Tourism Profile*, January 2002

# Existing Conditions Overview

## Roadway Network

- Ossipee has 123 miles of public roads
- Principal routes include NH 16, 25, 28, 41, 171
- Busiest route is NH 16
- Average Daily Traffic (ADT) on Route 16 in Ossipee in 2000 was 11,600
- ADT on Route 16 increases by 4,000 in summer

Source: *Lakes Region Demographic Profile*, July 2003; traffic volumes are 2000 data

# *Existing Conditions Overview*

## *Roadway Network (cont'd)*

- Other Ossipee Traffic Volumes:
  - NH 25 West at NH 16: 4,100
  - NH 28 at NH 16: 5,300
  - NH 171 at Tuftonboro Town Line: 4,400
- Accidents: 2 fatalities in Ossipee in 2002 (out of 127 fatalities statewide)

Sources: Traffic Volumes - NHDOT (1999 data), LRPC Website (2001 data),

Accidents – NHDOT (2002 data)

# *Existing Conditions Overview*

## *Transit Services*

- No regularly scheduled local transit in Ossipee
- Some local transit in Lakes Region: Molly the Trolley (Wolfeboro), GLTA (Laconia)
- Concord Trailways: 2 round trips/day at West Ossipee (to Boston, Conway/Berlin)
- Limited local paratransit for elderly, disabled residents

Sources: *Lakes Region Tourism Profile*, January 2002

Concord Trailways Website, NHDOT

# Existing Conditions Overview

## *Air and Rail*

- Small local airports in Lakes Region
- Larger airports nearby: Pease, Boston-Logan, Portland, Manchester
- No passenger rail service in Ossipee; Conway Scenic RR to the north
- Freight service into southern Ossipee
- Conway Branch Feasibility Study completed 6/04

Sources: *Lakes Region Tourism Profile*, January 2002

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# *Existing Conditions Overview*

## *Other Transportation Modes*

- Development pattern favors walking in village centers
- 60+ miles of snowmobile trails in Ossipee and Tamworth, including portions of Conway Branch RR corridor

Sources: NHDOT

Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club Website

# *Existing Conditions Overview*

## *Land Use*

- Wide variety of uses in Ossipee
- Zoning districts include Village, Residential, Roadside Commercial, Commercial Node, Corridor, Rural
- Three historic village districts: Center Ossipee, Ossipee Village, West Ossipee
- Primary commercial district along/near NH 16

Sources: Town of Ossipee Website  
Ossipee Zoning Ordinance

# *Existing Conditions Overview*

## *Natural Resources/Environment*

- Major aquifer in Ossipee
- Ossipee Lake a significant resource
- Open space resources
- Environmentally sensitive areas protected with Water Resources Protection District, Wetlands Conservation Districts

Sources: Town of Ossipee Website  
Ossipee Zoning Ordinance

# *Purpose and Need*

## *Key Elements*

- Transportation/Mobility
- Environment and Quality of Life
- Economic Development
- Other Goals

# *Potential Site Evaluation Criteria*

## *Transportation*

- **Transit Service Plan/Multimodal Potential**
- Ridership Potential
- **Regional Accessibility**
- Proximity to Rail Corridor
- Proximity to Trails/Paths

# *Potential Site Evaluation Criteria*

## *Site/Location Considerations*

- **Availability of Land**
- Land Use/Zoning
- Proximity to Population Center
- **Site Design/Access (Transit)**
- Site Design/Access (Other Uses)
- Construction/Implementation Costs

# *Potential Site Evaluation Criteria*

## *Environmental Considerations*

- **Wetlands/Floodplain**
- **Watershed Protection**
- **Hazardous Materials**
- **Historical/Archeological Resources**

# *Potential Transportation Center Sites?*



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# *Next Meetings*

- **Public Meeting #2** – *Present and obtain input on alternative sites – Aug. 26, 2004, 7-9PM*
- **PAC Meeting #3** - *Review and rank alternative sites – Sept. 24, 2004, 10AM-12PM*
- **PAC Meeting #4 (combined with Public Meeting #3)** - *Present the ranking process and alternatives – Oct. 21, 2004, 7-9PM*
- **PAC Meeting #5 (combined with Public Meeting #4)** - *Present results of the study – Nov. 18, 2004, 7-9PM*



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