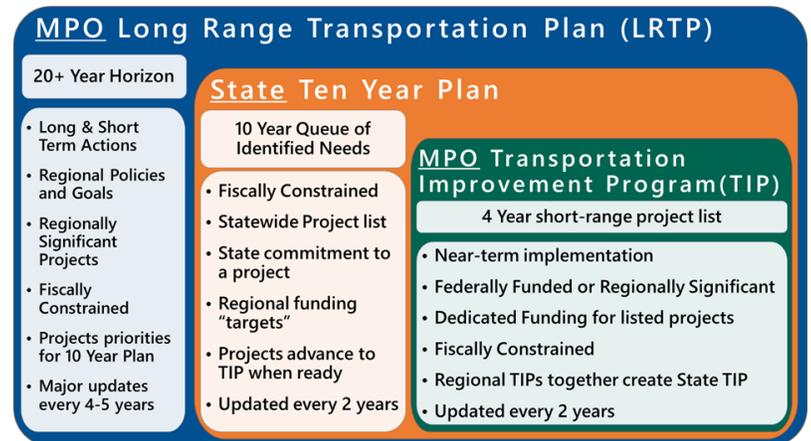


Transportation Planning Process

A blend of State and Federal processes that provide the transportation planning structure for New Hampshire. MPOs must adopt project specific Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs) and short-range Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) as required by Federal regulations. The MPO also plays a legislatively mandated role in establishing priority projects for the State Ten Year Plan, which incorporates elements of both the LRTP and the TIP. These three documents form the backbone of the transportation planning process in New Hampshire and provide a path for projects to move from concept (MPO LRTP), through project development (State Ten Year Plan), and to implementation (TIP/STIP).

Interaction between the MPO Long Range Plan, the State Ten Year Plan, and The Transportation Improvement Program



MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

The MPO Long Range (20+ year horizon) Transportation Plan (LRTP) establishes goals, objectives, and anticipated future conditions for surface transportation modes in the region. From this, transportation improvement needs are identified and prioritized. The highest priority projects are recommended to be included in the State Ten Year Plan (as per NH RSA 240:3). The LRTP is fully updated every 4-5 years.

State Ten Year Plan

The State Ten Year Plan is the queue of transportation project needs and is produced by NHDOT and the Governor's Advisory Council on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) in conjunction with the RPCs/MPOs. The RPCs provide NHDOT with priorities projects from the LRTP, and NHDOT supplies operational and maintenance needs to form a program of projects. The Ten Year Plan is updated every two years and must be approved by the Governor and the Legislature prior to being enacted into law. Projects listed in the first four years of the Ten Year Plan that use federal funding become the basis of the TIP and STIP.

MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year, short-range program of regional transportation projects scheduled for implementation in the region using federal funds. It is prepared by the MPO in cooperation with local governments, regional transit agencies, and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT). The TIP is the enactment of the LRTP vision, goals, and objectives,

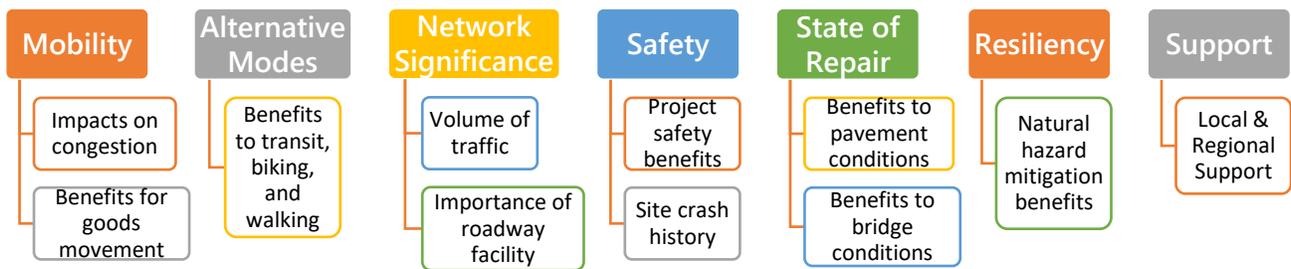
and the implementation of projects contained in the State Ten Year Plan. Regional TIPs are combined to form the State TIP (known as the 'STIP').

MPO Project Selection Process

The State Ten Year Plan process begins in the summer of even numbered years with the MPO requesting transportation improvement needs from planning partners. This starts a progression that concludes with the development of the Draft Ten Year Plan in the fall of odd numbered years.

1. **Solicitation for Projects (Summer – Even Years):** The MPO requests projects from communities and transit agencies during the summer of even years. New proposals are compiled with existing projects already in the MPO LRTP.
2. **Project Development and Classification (Fall – Even Years):** Projects are classified into three categories based on the scale of benefits (local, regional, inter-regional), project information is reviewed, and costs are updated where feasible. Those projects that are not ready (no cost estimate for example), or not needed at this time, are set aside for consideration in future cycles. The remaining projects proceed to evaluation by the project selection criteria.
3. **Evaluation & Draft Priorities (Fall – Even Years):** Statewide project evaluation criteria and are used by the regional planning commissions to prioritize projects for inclusion in the Ten Year Plan. These criteria address seven areas of consideration: Mobility, Alternative Modes, Network Significance, Safety, State of Repair, Support, and Resiliency. The MPO evaluates each project against these criteria and establishes a draft priority for each of the three project groupings (local, regional, inter-regional). The top projects from each group are then presented to the MPO to constrain to a budgetary target plus two additional projects as a candidate project list for evaluation by NHDOT.

Statewide Project Selection Criteria



4. **NHDOT Engineering/Cost review of Candidate Projects (Winter – Odd Years):** The list of candidate projects is submitted to NHDOT along with documentation for engineering and cost estimate review. This is intended to identify projects with infeasible scopes or wildly inaccurate cost estimates prior to setting a finalized list of priorities from the regions. This will help avoid the multiple revisions that were made last time and ensure that what is proposed in the end is consistent with the budget target.
5. **Finalize list of Ten Year Plan Priorities (Spring – Odd Years):** Once NHDOT has completed the review of candidate projects, the information is passed back to the MPO for establishing final priorities and constraining to the budgetary target. NHDOT has committed to incorporating MPO priority projects as presented into the draft Ten Year Plan up to the budget target amount of funding. The projects still must be vetted through the remainder of the Ten Year Plan adoption process along with all others in the document.

Date	Town	Time	Location
September 23, 2019	Hampton	6:00PM	Hampton Seashell Complex Ocean Front Pavilion Room 170 Ocean Boulevard
October 1, 2019	Salem	6:00PM	Salem High School 44 Geremonty Drive TV Studio
October 8, 2019	Portsmouth	6:00PM	Portsmouth Public Library Levenson Room 175 Parrott Avenue
October 28, 2019	Kingston	6:00PM	Kingston Community Library 56 Church Street by GPS Actual address: 2 Library Lane
