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**NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)**

**2014 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

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**1. Sponsor Information** *(Sponsor is the municipality or school district / SAU that is applying. Contact is the person who will be in responsible charge of the project).*

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**Sponsor Name:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**Contact Name:**

**Title:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**Governing Regional Planning Commission:**

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## 2. Project Information

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**Map:** *(A map is required as part of the application. Map must be scanned as a pdf file. Map should include street names, State route numbers, project details, identification of resources, north arrow, and a scale)*

**MAP SUBMITTED**

**Eligible TAP Activities:** *Check the eligible TAP activity(s) that your project is proposing.*

*Construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, including sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic-calming techniques, lighting and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq).*

*Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs.*

*Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users.*

*The Safe Routes to School Program eligible projects and activities listed at section 1404(f) of the SAFETEA-LU: Infrastructure-related projects only.*

**Description of work being proposed:**

*(Clearly describe purpose and need for project as well as project goals and objectives)*

**Resources within project limits:**

*(List all cultural, archeological, and natural resources, as well as any known hazardous materials in project limits)*

**Project Details**

**Road Name(s):**

*(List all roads in project limits)*

**State Route Number:**

*(List all State route numbers or N/A if on a municipal road)*

**Railroad:**

*(List name of railroad corridor if rail trail or rail with trail project)*

**Other:**

*(If off-road path, describe beginning and ending termination locations)*

**Length of Project:**

*(If more than one location, provide total length of proposed improvement)*

**Width of proposed improvement:**

*(If width isn't consistent, provide an average width for majority of improvements)*

**Surface Type:**

*(List Paved, Concrete, Gravel, Stone Dust, etc. for all proposed improvements)*

**Ownership:**

*(List the entity that owns the land in the limits of your proposed improvements)*

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### 3. Project Cost Estimate

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Identify the estimated project costs under each of the applicable categories.

**A) Planning/Design/Engineering:** \$   
*(Costs for engineering study, preliminary design, environmental review, final design, and bid phase services)*

**B) Right-Of-Way:** \$   
*(Cost of identifying and establishing right-of-way, easement Preparation, and acquisition and/or land acquisition)*

**C) Construction:** \$   
*(Cost of constructing project, materials, and labor)*

**D) Construction Engineering:** \$   
*(Cost of engineering oversight for the project. Oversight needs to be almost fulltime.)*

**Project Total:** \$  *Calculated Field*  
*(Minimum \$200,000)*

Identify the amount of federal funding you are applying for.

*(Other funding sources can be added to meet the \$200,000 minimum or to exceed the \$800,000 max.)*

**Federal \$**  *Calculated Field*  %  
*(\$800,000 maximum for federal amount requested) (80% maximum for TAP reimbursement)*

**Sponsor \$**  *Calculated Field*  %  
*(Enter amount of local match and additional funds if applicable)*

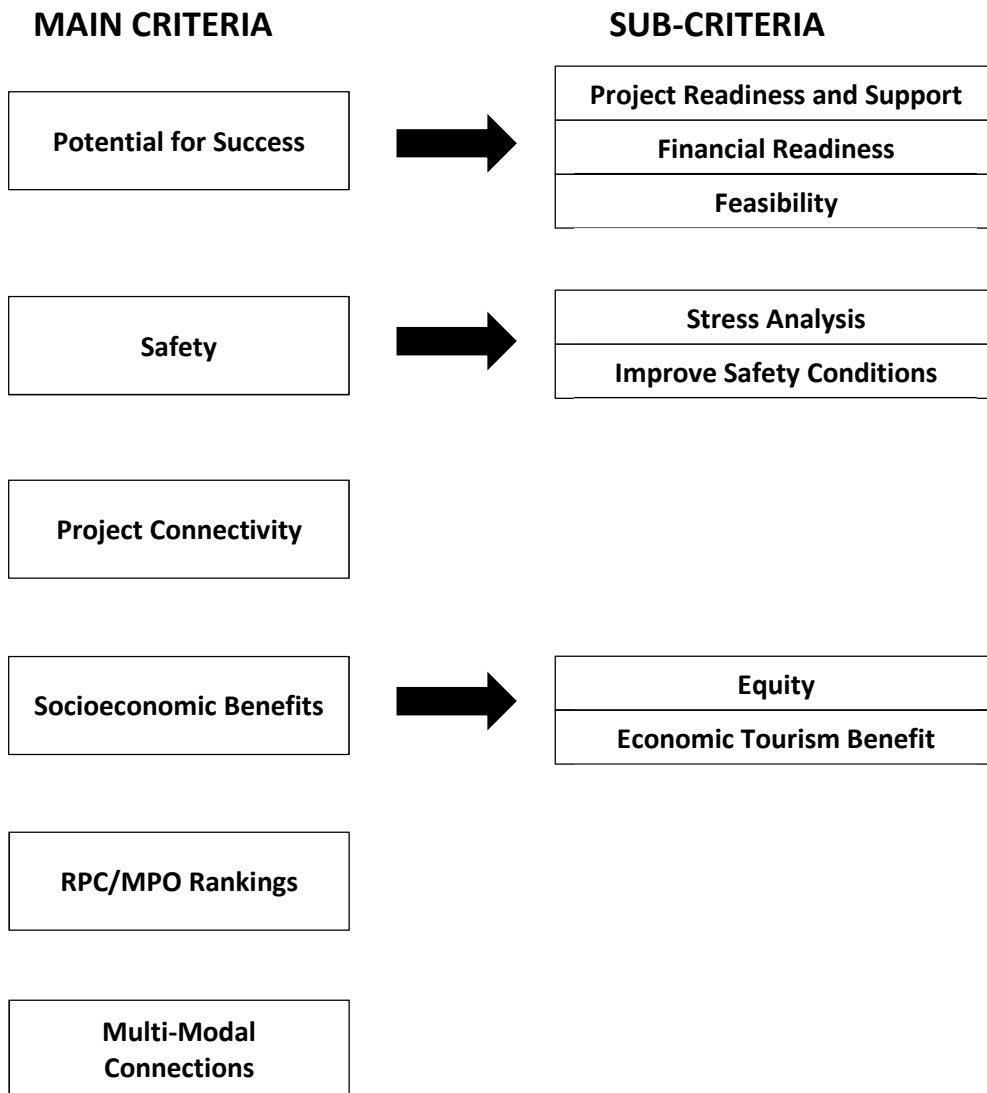
**Funding Total \$**  *Calculated Field*   
*(Minimum \$200,000)* *Project Total & Funding Total must be equal*

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**4. Evaluation Criteria** *(Applications will be scored on criteria developed by the Department's Transportation Alternatives Program Advisory Committee (TAPAC). The TAPAC developed the criteria to select the best applications for funding.)*

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**There are six main criteria and seven sub-criteria that will be used to evaluate projects and are listed below: (Note the RPC/MPO Ranking will be done by the governing regional planning commission using the information provided in the application. Application will be submitted to the Department and the Department will forward copies to the Regional Planning Commissions)**



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**A) Potential for Success: Sponsor will need to demonstrate the factors that will indicate a project's likeliness to succeed.**

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**MANDATORY REQUIREMENT: All applications must include a letter of support from the Sponsor's governing body committing to actively engaging and leading the project. Application will not be accepted without this letter.**

Letter of support attached:

- **Project Readiness and Support:** *Is the project part of a local and/or regional plan and effort, and has it been endorsed by local and regional bodies and advocacy groups? That is, did you build your case about the importance of this project to many constituents like conservation commission, planning board, other local group? Is it part of a regional plan or have RPC/TAC support? Is it part of a master plan or other planning document? (Number of constituents and/or planning documents will be used for scoring)*
  
- **Financial Readiness:** *(TAP is a reimbursement program. Sponsor will have to gross appropriate funds for entire project. Department reimburses a maximum of 80% of each reimbursement request.) Explain how the project will be funded and the timeline for funding. Is there a written commitment to bring this project forward for approval of funds at town meeting, through capital reserve funds, through inclusion in the capital improvement plan, etc. or are there funds already raised/appropriated and dedicated to this project?*

- **Feasibility:** *Address historic, cultural, environmental, maintenance, possible areas of contamination, and other related issues that may impact the project's ability to succeed. Applicant should discuss issue and how it will be addressed. Discuss impacts to project timeline and possible financial impacts.*

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**B) Safety: Projects will need to demonstrate the extent to which the project will improve safety conditions and/or reduce the perception of users stress as a result of the project being implemented.**

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- **Stress Analysis:** *Measure current stress level versus expected outcome for proposed project. Based on the scale below, describe the existing stress level of the project area and then describe the expected stress level for the proposed improvement.*

A - Facility is reasonably safe for all children.

B - Facility can accommodate users with basic skills and knowledge of traffic.

C - Facility requires an intermediate level of skill and knowledge of traffic to use.

D - Facility requires an advanced level of skill and knowledge of traffic to use.

E - Facility is generally not suitable for pedestrians or bicyclists.

- **Improve Safety Conditions:** *Improvement over existing safety conditions - are there very specific actions that are being taken to improve safety. What specific safety improvements will be made? If there is information, (road safety audit, corridor study, etc.) to support it, please provide it in pdf format with your application. Only specific actions and improvements will be used for scoring - anecdotal information will not be used.*

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**C) Project Connectivity: Project will need to demonstrate how it enables movement from origins to destinations**

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- *Does the project fill a vital gap in an existing transportation network or phased plan? Does it provide a standalone new facility that did not exist previously? What different destinations does it link together? Please describe in detail all connections, and if part of a phased plan what will the proposed improvement accomplish?*



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**D) Socioeconomic Benefits:** Projects will need to demonstrate the degree to which the project provides opportunities to enhance the quality of life to prompt economic development, increase property value, encourage tourism, and provide transportation options for underserved communities.

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- **Equity:** *Is the project located in an area where improved mobility and access can be provided to underserved populations? Will the project contribute to improved public health? (Note: projects in counties with obesity rates over 30% will be considered for additional points under this sub-criterion). Describe how this project will serve vulnerable users (elderly, children, minorities, people with disabilities etc.)*

- **Economic/Tourism Benefit:** Does the project offer the opportunity for increased access to retail and commercial locations? If so, describe in detail how the project will provide these increased opportunities and quantify the positive impacts.

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**E) Multi-Modal Connections: Project will need to demonstrate connections to other modes of transportation**

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- *Does the project provide connections to other modes of transportation within a half mile (or other critical distance) of the project limits? Quantify all proposed connections.*

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**F) RPC/MPO Rankings: This section will be completed by the local Regional Planning Commission for your project.**

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- *The Department will send applications to the local Regional Planning Commissions to score and develop a regional ranking. This information will then be incorporated into the final score of projects.*

***NO ACTION NEEDED FROM APPLICANT FOR SECTION F***

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**G) IF YOU ARE PUTTING IN MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR MUNICIPALITY - SCHOOL DISTRICT/SAU PLEASE PRIORITIZE THEM IN THE ORDER OF IMPORTANCE.**

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- *The Department received 75 potential TAP projects from 56 municipalities. The total amount of federal funds requested for these 75 potential projects is \$30 million. The TAP program has approximately \$5.5 million available for potential projects. If the municipality – school district/SAU is putting in multiple applications please prioritize them in order of importance from 1 to X with 1 being the most important project.*

**Priority number:**

**5) Application Submission Information:** The application is an adobe .pdf form and it must be saved and submitted in electronic format. Any supporting documents like the Map, Letter of support and other supporting documentation need to be submitted with the application in pdf format.

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**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2014 BY 4:00PM!**

**Failure to meet this deadline will result in your project being removed from the scoring process.**

### **Submission Guidelines**

**Format:** *Application form must be saved electronically and then transmitted to the Department. All supporting maps, letters and other documents must be saved as a pdf and transmitted to the Department with the application form.*

*Applications and supporting documents must be either:*

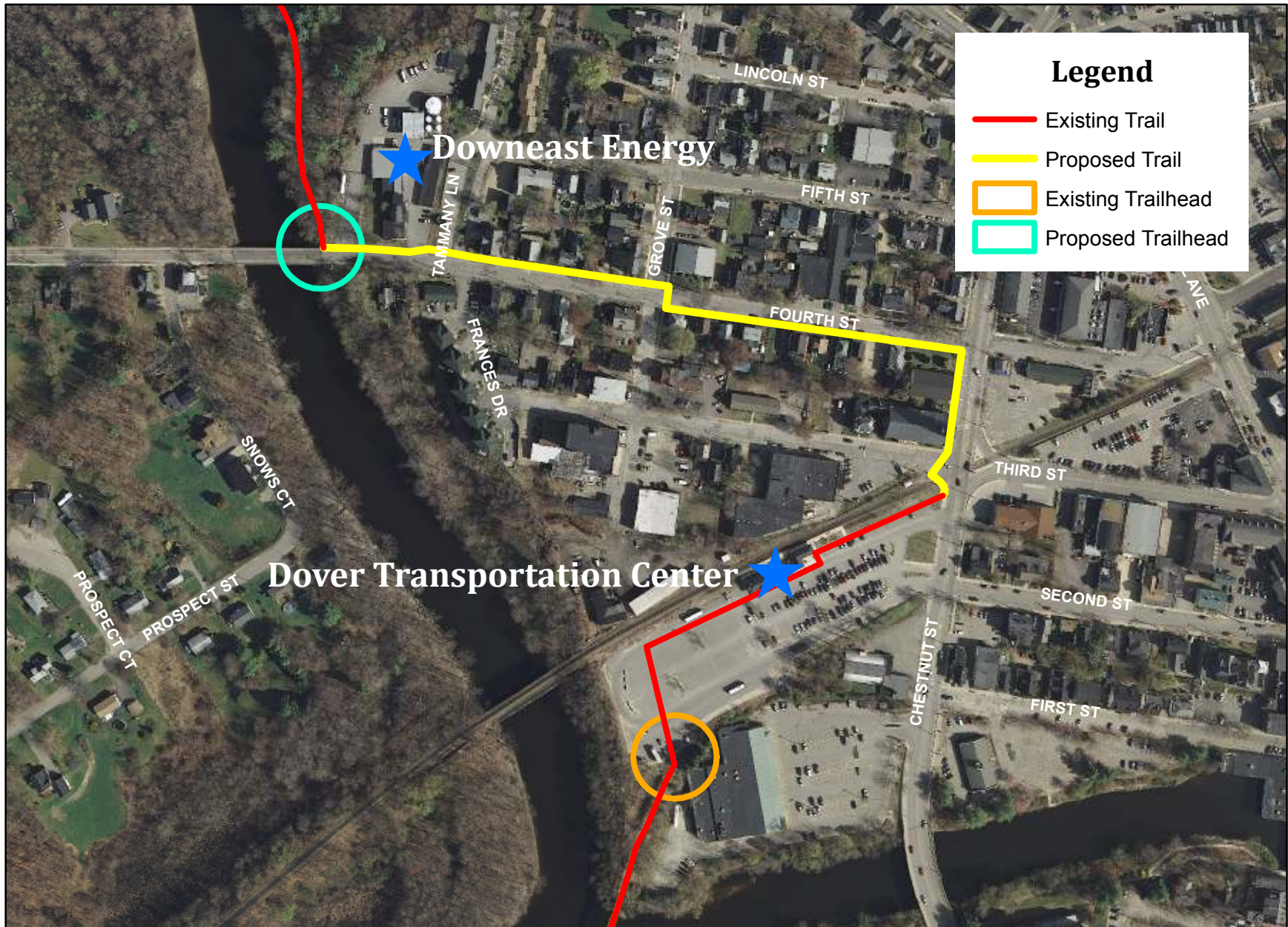
- *burned to a CD or DVD*
- *saved to a USB thumb drive.*

**Submission:** *CD, DVD, or thumb drive must be received on or before 4:00pm September 26, 2014. Delivery can be either:*

- *Hand-delivered to:* Thomas Jameson, TAP Program Manager  
NHDOT Headquarters  
Bureau of Planning & Community Assistance  
7 Hazen Drive, Concord NH
- *Mailed to:* **Thomas Jameson, P.E.**  
**TAP Program Manager**  
**NHDOT, Bureau of Planning & Community Assistance**  
**7 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 483**  
**Concord, NH 03302-0483**

**Warning: If you mail the Application it must be received on or before 4:00pm on September 26, 2014**

# City of Dover TAP Application Part I

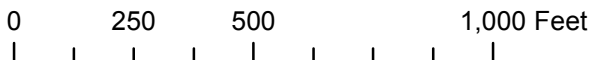


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# City of Dover TAP Application Part II





MAYOR  
and  
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## City of Dover, New Hampshire

September 24, 2014

Mr. Thomas Jameson, P.E. TAP Program Manager  
NH DOT Bureau of Planning & Community Assistance  
John O. Morton Building  
7 Hazen Drive  
P.O. Box 483  
Concord, NH 03302-0483

RE: Transportation Alternatives Program - Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Jameson:

Please accept this letter from the City of Dover in support of our application to the Transportation Alternatives Program funds for the recently announced funding round.

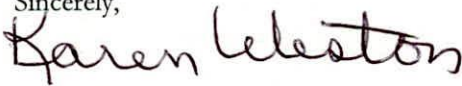
Over the past 14 years the City has worked to create a multimodal transportation option along the former Newington and Dover railroad line through Dover. This Community Trail ultimately links Dover High School and Dover Middle School through downtown and north along the Cochecho River to a trailhead at Watson Road. This four and a half (4.5) mile trail will link the rural, suburban and urban portions of Dover together and provides recreation as well as transportation options for users, and a safer route for students to reach the middle and high schools from the heavily populated urban core.

The Transportation chapter of Dover's Master Plan recommended this project, in 2000, and through CMAQ and TE funding rounds, Phases I and II have been completed. In addition to these grant funds, local dollars generous donations of money, in kind elements and volunteer hours have been utilized.

The City's application is for Phase III of the Trail. This work will construct a trailhead at the Fourth Street Bridge to allow multi-purpose trail users up/down a slope; and construct required railings, signage and clearing in the former railroad right of way between Fisher Street and Central Avenue.

The City's Community Trail Committee is actively engaged in the continuation and utilization of the trail, and will work with City Staff to complete this project.

Thank you very much for your consideration Dover looks forward to completing this important project.

Sincerely,  
  
Karen Weston  
Mayor

September 24, 2014

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RE: Transportation Alternatives Program - Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Jameson:

The Rotary Club of Dover, New Hampshire is proud to offer this letter in support of the City of Dover's application to the Transportation Alternatives Program funds for the recently announced funding round.

The City of Dover has worked for many years to create a Community Trail along the former Portsmouth and Dover railroad line through Dover. This Community Trail ultimately links Dover High School and Dover Middle School through downtown and north along the Cochecho River to a trailhead at Watson Road. This four and a half (4.5) mile trail links the rural, suburban and urban portions of Dover together and provides recreation as well as transportation options for users, and a safe route for students to reach the middle and high schools from the heavily populated urban core.

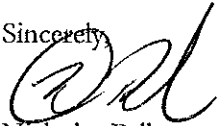
In addition to grant funds, the city has had the support of the Rotary Club through both funding as well as volunteer hours to constructing a trail-head kiosk.

The City is now submitting an application for Phase III of the Trail. This work will construct a trailhead at the Fourth Street Bridge to allow multi-purpose trail users up/down a slope; and construct required railings, signage and clearing in the former railroad right of way between Fisher Street and Central Avenue.

The Rotary Club supports the City's Community Trail Committee in this project and looks forward to finding ways to assist the city with this project when the right opportunity presents itself.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Pellman,  
President, Rotary Club of Dover, NH