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Program for Alternative Transportation and Health (PATH)

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Hello PATH Members

If you are a new PATH member, welcome!

If you have carpoled, bicycled, walked, or taken transit to work at least 10 times (or about twice per week) during the month of October you are eligible for the PATH monthly drawing for prizes. Simply reply to this email or email path@cnhrpc.org to report your commutes and be entered into the drawing.

As a PATH member you will receive this email once per month with news, stories, and event listings. If you prefer to not get the monthly email, you may unsubscribe at the bottom of the email.

PATH members who carpool or bike to work are also eligible for the Emergency Ride Home benefit. If you or your fellow carpooler gets caught without transportation in the event of an emergency, PATH will reimburse your cost of transportation home according to the rules of the program. Complete rules and instructions can be found at our website www.path-nh.org.

Concord Area Transit Study



Concord Area Transit, or CAT, provides bus service on weekdays along three fixed routes in the city. In addition to the fixed route service, it also provides para-transit services to those with special needs. CAT meets the needs of hundreds of Concord residents each day who rely on it to get to work, medical appointments, and other trips. There has been a call by many in the community to enhance and improve the service, and to increase ridership to a broader population.

This study is an early step in response to the call for better service. The study has been called a "comprehensive service analysis" that will review the current system and determine what can be done to better serve the city. The current bus routes, schedules, stops, infrastructure needs, and other factors will all be examined and potential changes will be recommended.

A team of planners and transit officials from the City, the CNHRPC, CAT, and the Department of Transportation has been assembled to select a consulting firm of professional transit planners to conduct the bulk of the study. Several firms with extensive experience with transit systems similar to CAT have placed a bid for the work. Additional data, support, and help facilitating public involvement will be provided by the CNHRPC.

When completed, the plan will provide a clear set of recommendations and implementation tasks that can be done to help improve service and ridership.

For more information contact [PATH](#) or check the [CNHRPC](#) website for updates.

Winter Bike Commuting Tips

It has already been a year since the DOT [Safe Routes to School](#) coordinator and dedicated bicycle commuter John Corrigan contributed an article about bicycle commuting in less than ideal weather. He shares some of his personal story and some useful tips for those who are considering braving the elements on a bike ride to work this season.

A link to that newsletter can be found [HERE](#). Review all past newsletters [HERE](#).

Winner of the iPod

The park and Ride survey has been completed and Eric from Concord was the winner of the iPod. He told us his 12 year old will be very excited!

Thanks to all of you who participated in the survey. It will help transportation planners identify your needs.

Recent Prize Winners

September:

Mike who carools from Hill to Concord
Laura who bicycles to her office in Concord
Stephen who carools to Concord from Canterbury

August:

Val walks to her downtown Concord workplace
Barb who carools to Concord from Lebanon
Laurel who carools to Concord from New London

July:

Carl who bicycles to work Concord
Brianna who carools from Sunapee
Anne who carools to Concord Hospital

PATH's mission is to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and increase societal emphasis on personal fitness through the creation of services and materials which promote transportation options to the single occupancy vehicle.

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