

# Program for Alternative Transportation and Health (PATH)

## Newsletter and Monthly Drawing Reminder

### Quick Links



[Sign up for PATH](#)

[Sign up for NH Rideshare](#)

[Central New Hampshire  
Regional Planning Commission](#)



### Thanks to Our Sponsors!

These organizations have recently supported PATH with prizes, donations, and their valuable time. Thank you!

**Concord 2020**

**S&W Sports**

**Boloco Burritos**

**Green Concord**

**Goodale's Bike Shop**

**The Works**

**The Red Blazer**

**Cafe Indigo**

**In a Pinch**

**Hermanos Cocina  
Mexicana**

### Hello PATH Members! If you are a new 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 August you are eligible for the PATH monthly drawing for prizes. Simply reply to this email or email [path@cnhrpc.org](mailto: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](http://www.path-nh.org).

### Public Meeting: Vanpools in the Concord Area

The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission is hosting a public meeting with VPSI's Melissa Zampitella on Sept. 23, 10-10:45am. The meeting is in the Community Room of Horseshoe Pond Place, 26 Commercial Street, Concord, NH 03301.



Ms. Zampitella will talk about employer/organization and community vanpool possibilities and possible funding opportunities in the Central New Hampshire region.

Vanpools can be viewed as both a large carpool, and a possible stepping stone toward bus service and public transportation if ridership grows.

For more information about VPSI and its vanpooling services, please go to: <http://www.vpsi-inc.com/home/submenu.asp?MMID=1&SMID=10&OID=261>.

Please RSVP by Sept. 10. Cookies and water will be provided.

Nik Coates is also available for questions and comments at [ncoates@cnhrpc.org](mailto:ncoates@cnhrpc.org) or 603-226-6020

### Thanks to all Volunteer Bike/Pedestrian Counters

Information will help accommodate bicyclists and CAT busses and Trolleys during likely bridge closure in 2012

The Delta Drive bridge, an important connection between east and west Concord is scheduled to be reconstructed most likely in the summer of 2012. A three month closure of the bridge is

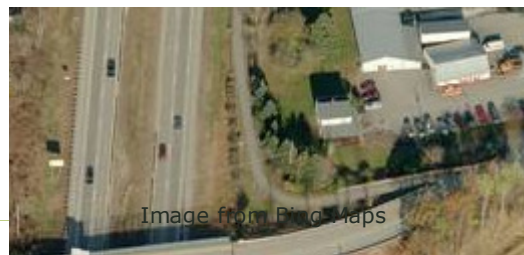


Image from Bing Maps

likely. The bridge is adjacent to the bike path over the Merrimack River should not be effected by the construction.



The CNHRPC and PATH gathered dozens of volunteers to count the volume of bicycles and pedestrians that use the bridge. The data was compiled into a report and shared with the project managers at the Department of Transportation. As a result, a solution that will accommodate bicycles and pedestrians will be developed. Considering an estimated \$1.2 million additional cost, it is unlikely the bridge will be kept open open during construction. Efforts to inform non-motorized bridge users and help with bicycle safety measures on alternative routes are likely courses of action.

The report was well received by planners, engineers, and bicycle advocates across the State and similar bicycle/pedestrian counts will likely be taking place.

Thank you to volunteers. If you would consider volunteering for additional counts in the Concord area at key locations, contact us at [path@cnhrpc.org](mailto:path@cnhrpc.org) and we'll put you on the contact list.

[View the complete report](#)

Wednesday count data for the bridge:

Bikes: 160  
Peds: 100  
**Total: 260**

Wednesday count data for the path:

Bikes: 148  
Peds: 59  
**Total: 207**

Saturday count data for the bridge:

Bikes: 51  
Peds: 20  
Total: 71

Saturday count data for the path:

Bikes: 57  
Peds: 20  
Total: 77

When compared to car traffic counts, during the summer **approximately 30% of traffic on the bridge is non-motorized.**

## New Ridematching Software in the Works for Carpoolers

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation is teaming up with Maine and Vermont to purchase new software to help match carpoolers who commute at approximately the same time and place. The system will better serve commuters in northern New England searching for people to carpool with. There is no official timetable for implementation at this time, so check the PATH newsletter in the coming months for more information.



## PATH Website Update

There are continuous updates being made to the PATH website, with the most recent being the [Tools and Resources Page](#). This page provides

useful information for green commuters in the Concord area.

Visit [www.path-nh.org](http://www.path-nh.org).

## Fossil Free Fridays Grow!

This August 27 a new satellite Fossil Free Friday event was held at the NH Department of Transportation at the large snow plow out front. About 30 employees from the Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Services, and others on Hazen Drive and the Heights came for snacks and music from John Corrigan, the Safe Routes to School coordinator and dedicated bicycle commuter. Congratulations to event organizers! Everybody hopes for an even better turnout next month, on September 24.

## Fossil Free Fridays

Continue the Green Commuting fun on the last Friday of each Month

Continue the Green Commuting fun with us on the last Friday of each month. Join us for Breakfast snacks, music, and camaraderie at our Fossil Free Fridays events.

**New Location: Hazen Drive at the snow plow in front of DOT.**



### Fossil Free Friday Schedule:

1. 5/28, 7-a.m. @ Eagle Square
2. 6/25, 7-9 a.m. @ City Plaza (In front of the Statehouse)
3. 7/30, 7-9 a.m. @ City Plaza (In front of the Statehouse)
4. 8/27, 7-9 a.m. @ City Plaza (In front of the Statehouse)  
New! Also at NH DOT on Hazen Drive!
5. 9/24, 7-9 a.m. @ City Plaza (In front of the Statehouse)  
New! Also at NH DOT on Hazen Drive!
6. 10/29, 7-9 a.m. @ City Plaza (In front of the Statehouse)  
New! Also at NH DOT on Hazen Drive!
7. 11/12, TBD

Please help spread the word.

View the [event flier here](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#). 

## Find PATH on Facebook!



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.

Craig Tufts

Nik Coates  
CNHRPC

**[Forward email](#)**

✉ **SafeUnsubscribe®**

This email was sent to cnhrpc@cnhrpc.org by [path@cnhrpc.org](mailto:path@cnhrpc.org).

[Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

Email Marketing by



PATH | 28 Commercial St Ste #3 | Concord | NH | 03301