

# NH Public Works Association

## President's Column:

As the end of my duties as President near, I would like to thank all of those in the association that have helped us through the times, organized events and volunteered for sub-committees.

I think these efforts often go unnoticed by others, but I wanted to let people know that in the big picture great things would not happen without those helping out behind the scenes.

As I move on and the ranks change I can assure you that the Association will be in good hands with Dave Lent becoming President and Jennifer Perry as the Vice President. These are two really great people with hearts of gold in helping out with keeping the Association on track and focused.

I wish you all well and look forward to a continued network of fellow public works people.

Signing off, good day.

Ken Daniels,  
DPW Director, Enfield



## Spring Annual Meeting May 27 at LGC, Concord

### Topics:

- New Stream Crossing Rules
- NPDES Stormwater Permits
- Shoreline Protection Act

### Keynote speaker:

**NHDOT Commissioner  
George Campbell**

## NHPWA Board Members

- President:** Ken Daniels, Enfield (2007-2009)  
**Vice President:** Dave Lent, Merrimack (2007-2009)  
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**Education Rep:** Linsey Shaw, UNH T<sup>2</sup> Ctr. (2009)  
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# National Workzone Awareness Week 2009

Submitted by Linsey Shaw, Program Assistant at UNH Technology Transfer Center

April 6-10 is this year's National Workzone Awareness Week. This year is the 10th anniversary of the event, and it is held at the beginning of construction season in order to nationally advise the public to drive carefully through highway workzone and construction sites. Each year approximately 1,000 people are killed in workzones. This year's theme is "Drive To Survive - Our Future is Riding On It." The kick-off of the event is going to take place April 7 in the Washington D.C metropolitan area. National Media Event will take place at a location near the Boundary Channel Humpback Bridge Replacement Project (George Washington Memorial Parkway & I-395).

National Workzone Awareness Week began in December 1999 when FHWA, ATSSA and AASHTO joined together and signed a Memorandum of Agreement to increase public awareness of workzone safety. These three organizations together have led a national media event every April with assistance and support from other organizations. For the first eight years National Workzone Awareness Week's location rotated between Maryland, the District of Columbia and Virginia. The National Workzone Awareness Week Executive Committee then decided to make the event truly national by kicking off the event in a pre-selected state. In 2008 the event was held in Sacramento, California. In 2009 National Workzone Awareness Week will return to Washington, D.C to celebrate the campaign's 10th anniversary. The event has had national media coverage every year and has featured speakers such as U.S.-DOT Secretary Mary Peters, Rep. James Oberstar (D-Minn.), Rep. Bill Shuster (R-Pa.), and former Lt. Gov. Michael Steele. Each November the Executive Committee discusses a theme and venue for the April event. Some themes in the past were: "Signs of Change" (2007), "Slow Down or Pay Up" (2005), and "Enhancing Safety and Mobility in Work Zones" (2001).

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## New Board Member Profile: Linsey Shaw



Linsey Shaw is the Program Assistant at UNH Technology Transfer Center. Linsey has been with the Center since September 2008. She has her BS in Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University. Linsey is currently a board member of the NH Public Works Association. Linsey attends NHPWA meetings with Bob Strobel as T<sup>2</sup> Representatives.

# ARRA (Economic Stimulus) & NH Municipalities

By Julia Faller, UNH T2 Project Assistant & UNH Business Student and Robert Strobel, Project Manager

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was signed by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009. The federal government awarded \$111 billion to be divided (not necessarily equally) to all fifty states for development of infrastructure and science. Of this \$111 billion, New Hampshire is allotted \$129 million for roads and bridges, \$4 – 5 million for airports, and \$13 million for public transit.

## Funding Allocation

Of the \$129 million, the NHDOT State Bridge Aid and Highway Aid programs secured \$11 million for municipal road and bridge projects, while the Transportation Enhancement Program (TE) secured \$3.8 million for sidewalks, bike paths and lanes, historic transportation structures, landscaping, and mitigation for highway run-off and wildlife protection. As of February 25th, 2009, NHDOT has advertised \$40 million of highway and bridge stimulus projects.

## “Shovel-Ready” Projects

Municipal projects that qualify for ARRA funding must be:<sup>1,2</sup>

- \* A bridge with length more 20 feet and on a public highway
- \* Have recommended bridge postings in compliance
- \* A functional classification highway not including urban and local roads and rural minor collectors<sup>3</sup>
- \* Ready or near ready to start construction (“shovel ready”)
- \* Project is in the State’s Ten Year TYP or in a program in the State’s Ten Year Plan (TYP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)

Funds are allocated on a first-come, first served basis for qualified projects, and more projects have been identified than funds available for them<sup>4</sup>.

## Project Timeline

- o All funds must be placed under contract before June 17, 2010
- o Projects must be completed by February 17, 2012.

NH Governor John Lynch recently stated that road resurfacing programs will use a substantial part of the federal stimulus funding<sup>6</sup>. NHDOT is planning to pave 760 miles of road, compared to only 250 miles it would have been able to pave without the stimulus. NHDOT Commissioner George Campbell stated, “this much-needed 760 miles of paving work will touch all parts of the state, putting people to work, helping to preserve our highway system and making a noticeable difference in the quality of the ride for motorists.”

## NH Economic Stimulus Office

The Governor’s Office of Economic Stimulus was created by an Executive Order by Governor Lynch on January 27, 2009. Governor Lynch appointed state Deputy Attorney General Orville “Bud” Fitch as director. Bud will assist the Governor and state agencies in the management of federal stimulus funds.

The office was created to “...ensure that New Hampshire and its citizens receive maximum benefits from any federal economic stimulus package, and that those funds are used to create jobs and protect essential services here in New Hampshire.” The President’s website monitoring the ARRA estimates that the stimulus funds should create and/or save 16,000 jobs in New Hampshire.

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## Calendar

- **Spring Annual Meeting - May 27, 2009**
- **National Work Awareness Week - April 6-10, 2009**

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