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The Honorable Nancy Stiles, Chair
Senate Transportation Committee
LOB Room 103-A
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SB 364 – Complete Streets Study Committee.

Dear Senator Stiles:

The New Hampshire Planners Association (NHPA), representing close to 200 land use planning professionals in our state working at all levels of government and in the private sector, takes this opportunity to express support for SB 364, establishing a study committee to explore the feasibility of incorporating complete streets into the 10-year transportation improvement plan.

NHPA has long supported the adoption of a complete streets policy by the NH Department of Transportation. In April 2014, NHPA encouraged then-Commissioner Clement to adopt a policy that requires complete streets principle to be incorporated in the design and construction of its projects. By letter dated October 13, 2015 to current Commissioner Victoria Sheehan, we once again stressed the importance of complete streets and advocated for the adoption of the statewide complete streets policy. As an aside, the town of Swanzey (population 7,300) recently adopted a complete streets policy – demonstrating that a small, rural community can take steps to ensure that our roads are safe for all users.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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NH Planners Association and
Director of Planning & Community Development, Town of Swanzey

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