



Rural Intercity Program Consultation Process

Meeting #3

October 23, 2018





Overview of Meetings

- 1 Discussion of policies/goals, needs and markets (June)
- 2 Concepts for statewide network (August)
- 3 Revised concepts for statewide network and presentation of draft solicitation (October)
- (4) (If necessary) Questions on bidding process and requested alterations in proposed network (November)





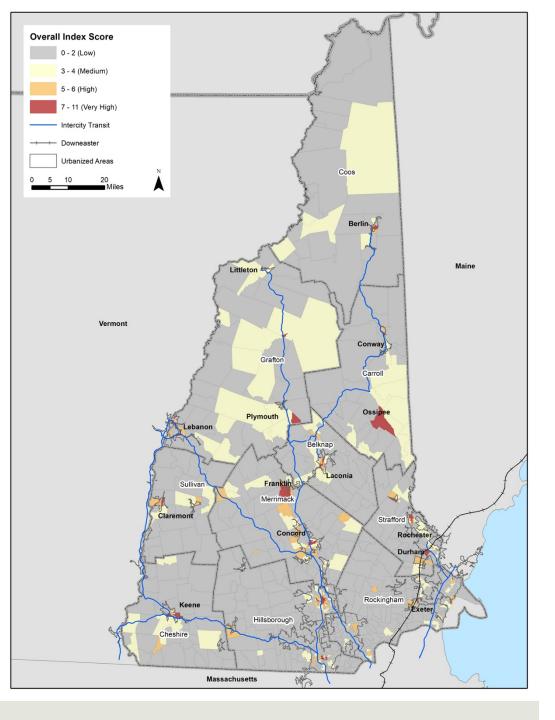
Overview of Solicitation

- Background
 - Definitions
- Policy
 - Drawn from policy statement from first meeting
- Scope of services
 - Continuing routes
 - New routes
- Work with Vermont to extend service to Claremont



Transit Propensity

- Laconia
- Franklin
- Boscawen
- ✤ Keene
- Peterborough
- Claremont

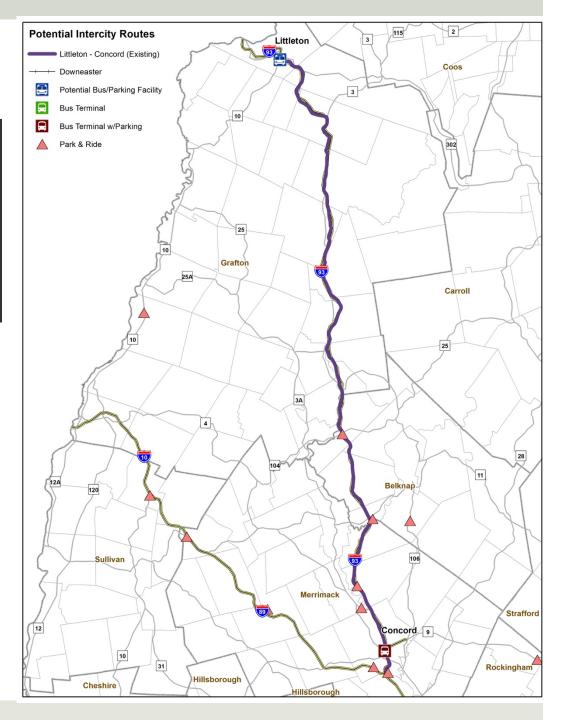




Littleton – Plymouth – Concord

Existing route

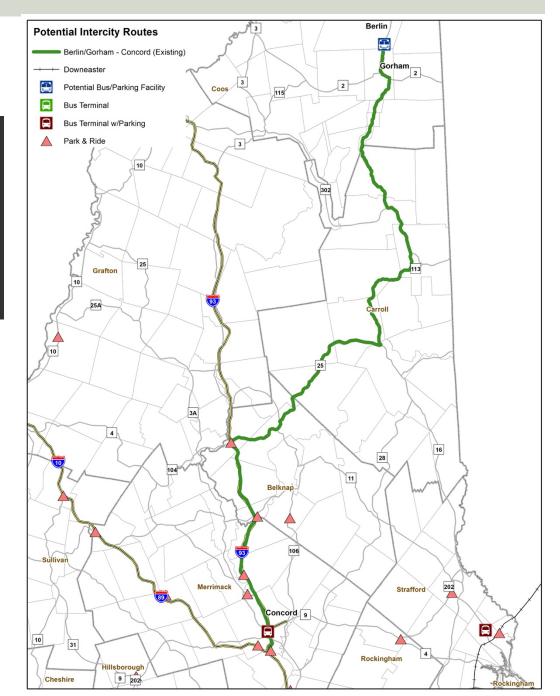
- FY 2017 statistics
 - 8,871 boardings
 - \$116,851 subsidy
 - \$13 subsidy/pass.





Berlin – N. Conway – Concord

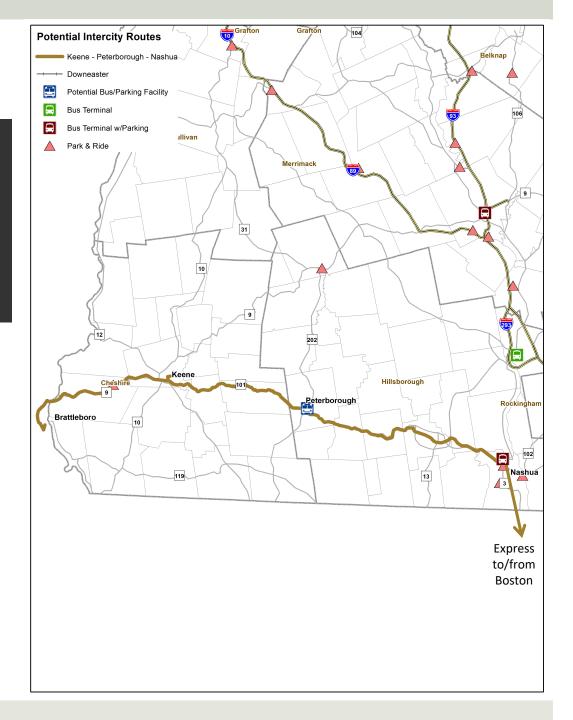
- Existing route
- Two overlapping services
- FY 2017 statistics
 - □ 7,005 boardings
 - \$175,703 subsidy
 - \$25 subsidy/pass.
 - \$33 for Berlin
 - \$20 for N. Conway





Brattleboro – Keene – Nashua – Boston

- Existing Greyhound route (unsubsidized)
- Operates one roundtrip Friday and one round-trip Sunday
- Expands to daily service

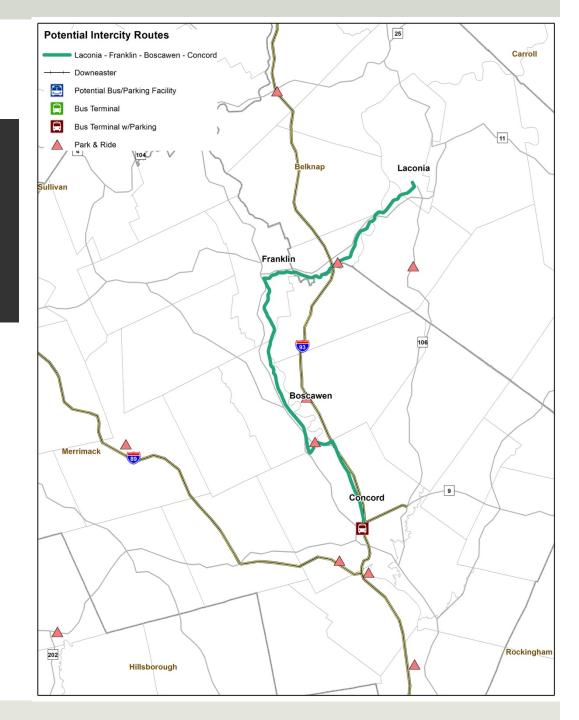




Laconia – Franklin – Concord

Proposed route

- Feeder service operating on US 3
- Studied by CNHRPC and LRPC in 2017
- Addresses high need areas and Lakes Region Comm. Coll.







Service Specifications

For existing routes

- Currently subsidize one round-trip, though two are operated
- Continue this arrangement

For new routes

- Laconia-Concord would operate two round-trips per day
 - Dep Laconia to 6:30 a.m., arrive Concord before 8:00
 - Dep Concord at 4:00 p.m., return by 6:30 p.m.
- Brattleboro-Keene-Nashua would operate one trip
 - Could use same timing as existing Fri/Sun trips
- Solicitation allows for other proposed times





Cost and Ridership Estimates

Route (One-way fare)	Annual Cost	Annual Ridership	Subsidy (30% FRR)
Laconia – Concord / two daily RT (\$6)	\$145,000	7,200	\$102,000
Bratt – Keene – Nashua / one daily RT 5 days/wk to supplement existing (\$10)	\$148,500	5,000	\$98,500





Applicable Regulations

- FMCSA
- Drug and alcohol testing
- NTD reporting
- Coordination/outreach
- Ticketing/schedules
- Vehicles
- ADA
- Marketing





Contract Terms

- Two-year contract with three option years
- Performance measures
- Record keeping
- Reporting (monthly)





Evaluation Process

- Technical capability
- Business and management structure
- Key personnel
- Past performance
- Price/cost





Schedule

Target Dates	Task/Event
December 2018	Grant Application Instructions and Forms Distributed
February 15, 2019	Applications Due
March 2019	Application Review Process Begins
March 2019	Grant Review
April 2019	Grant Approval/Selected Applicant(s) Notified
July 1, 2019	Service Initiated





Questions

- Comments on proposed routes
- Comments on solicitation
- Next steps
 - Refine solicitation
 - Release bid package