

Appendix C
12. Public Transportation Presentation

Public Transportation

Transportation Policy Committee
February 12, 2013

Overview of Public Transportation

❖ Existing

- Bus

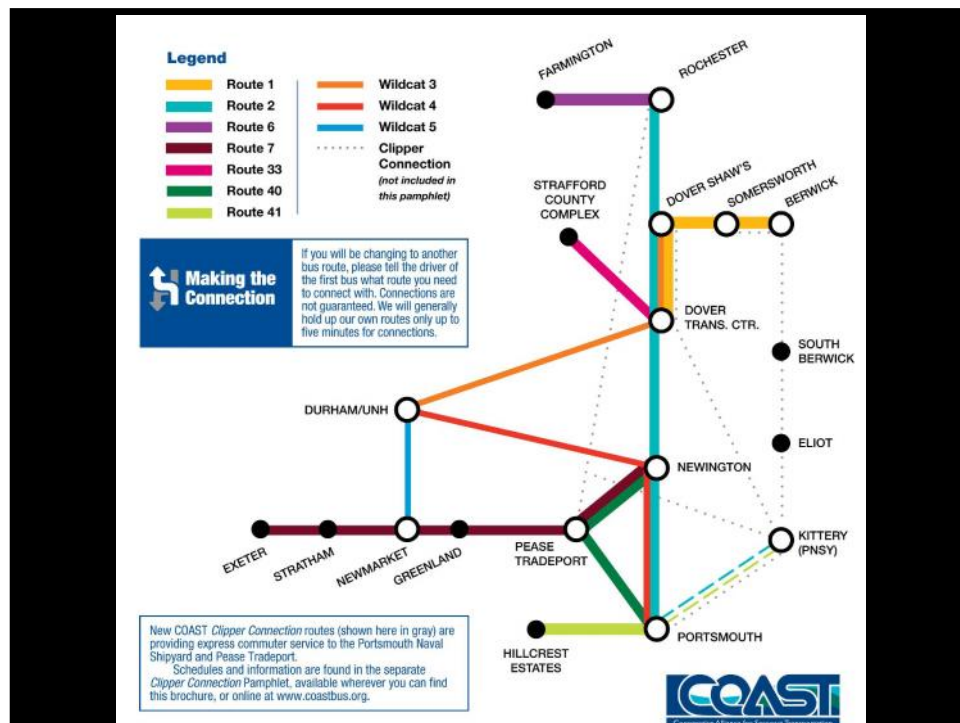
❖ Potential

- Rail

- Air

Existing Public Transportation

- ❖ Regional Fixed Route – COAST and Wildcat
- ❖ Seasonal downtown trolleys
- ❖ Intercity service – C&J, Greyhound
- ❖ Senior Transportation
- ❖ Paratransit



COAST in Portsmouth – Route 2

- ❖ Runs every hour from 7am to 9pm (weekday), five times a day on the weekends
- ❖ Largest number of service miles system-wide
- ❖ Annual ridership, 2012 = 169,000
- ❖ 32% ridership increase in past 4 years (since 2009)



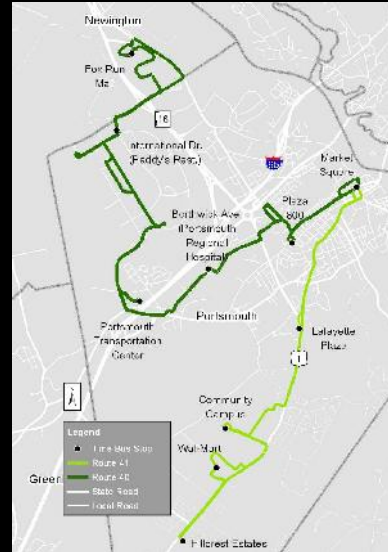
COAST in Portsmouth – Route 7

- ❖ Runs 5 times a day M to F
- ❖ 9% of system service miles
- ❖ Annual ridership, 2012 = 9,385
- ❖ 26% ridership increase in 4 years (since 2009)



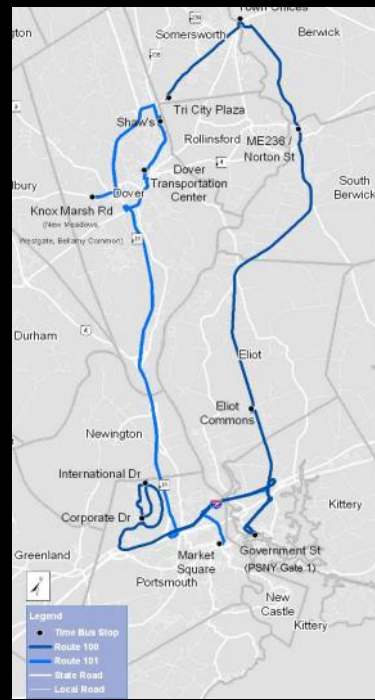
COAST in Portsmouth – Routes 40 & 41

- ❖ Route 40: Pease Tradeport Trolley
- ❖ Route 41: Lafayette Rd Trolley
- ❖ Run approximately every hour and every ½ hour during peak commute
- ❖ Combined 23% of system-wide service miles
- ❖ Annual ridership, 2012 = 121,911 (Routes 40 & 41 combined)
- ❖ 18% ridership increase since 2009



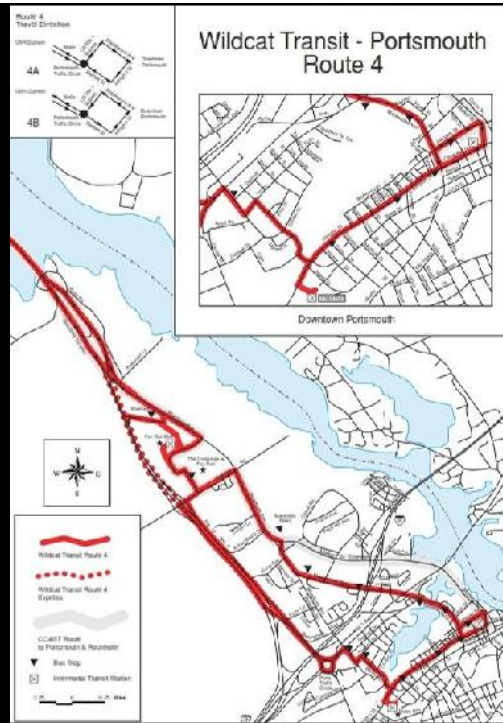
COAST in Portsmouth – Clipper Connection

- ❖ Express Routes 100 and 101
- ❖ Pilot project, started 2012
- ❖ Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Pease Tradeport, Market Square
- ❖ Operates only in morning and afternoon peak hours



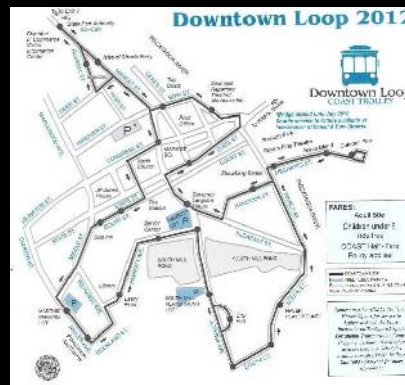
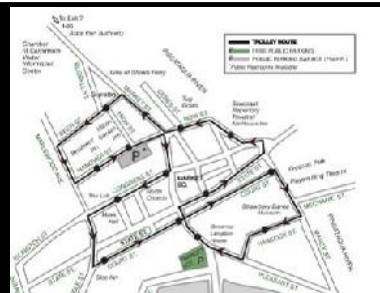
Wildcat Transit - Route 4

- ❖ Runs 12 times a day with some variations in stops and an express in the morning
- ❖ Between Portsmouth downtown and UNH campus



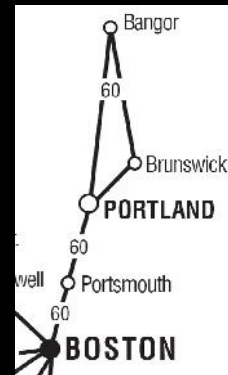
COAST Seasonal Trolleys

- ❖ Vintage Christmas
 - Free, operates December weekends only
 - Ridership 2012 2,410
- ❖ Downtown Loop
 - Operates late June to end of August (\$.50)
 - Ridership 2012 4,620



Intercity Bus Service

- ❖ C&J Trailways
- ❖ Greyhound



Senior and Paratransit Transportation

- ❖ City partnership with Mark Wentworth Home
 - Since 2009 (prior to that PHA)
 - FY 2013 City commitment = \$138,500
 - Operates M,W,Th,F 7am to 4pm
 - 24 hour advance reservation is required
 - Curb-to-curb only
 - Equipped for wheelchair access

Senior and Paratransit Transportation

- ❖ COAST / Wildcat regular fixed routes
- ❖ COAST ADA paratransit services
 - Reservation-based within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of fixed routes
- ❖ Lamprey Health Care deviated fixed route
 - Thursday – Lee-...-Newmarket-Portsmouth
 - Friday – Seabrook-...-Portsmouth-Newington

ADA Paratransit Program Growth

- ❖ The ADA Program is the most complex and costly service COAST administers and delivers
- ❖ 60% average annual growth over the past four years
- ❖ Drivers of growth:
 - New Hampshire's aging population
 - Growing awareness
 - Downshifting of State supported services

Multi-Modal Connections

- ❖ Bikes and buses
 - Each COAST and Wildcat bus has bicycle racks for transporting at least 2 bikes
 - Bike parking at or near bus stops
 - Currently at High-Hanover Facility, Market Square
 - COAST grant for adding more racks at other locations
- ❖ Portsmouth Transportation Center
 - Operated by C&J Trailways, owned by NHDOT
 - Bicycle parking
 - Long-term park and ride lot (free)
 - Connections to COAST Routes
- ❖ Hanover / High Parking Facility
 - On-street bike racks as well as indoor
 - Bus stop with shelter near Hanover Street entrance

Regional Transportation Coordination

- ❖ Alliance for Community Transportation (ACT)
 - Regional Coordination Council (RCC) for southeast NH
 - Part of broader statewide effort at regional transit coordination
 - COAST is Lead Agency for Southeast NH RCC (ACT)
 - Encourages improved and expanded regional community transportation services
 - Funding from federal and private foundation grants

Transportation Demand Management

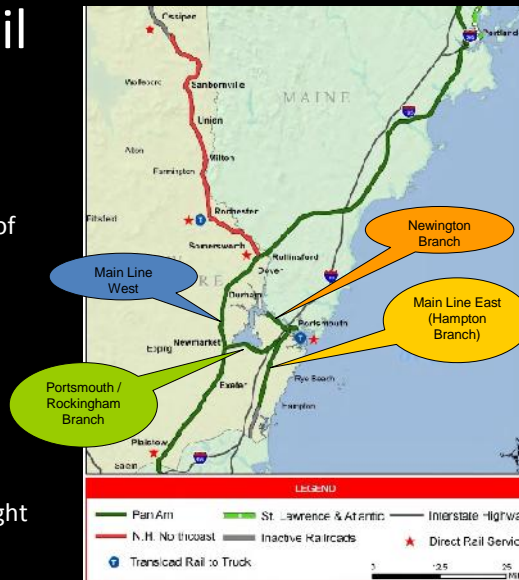
- ❖ Seacoast Commuter Options
 - Formerly Greater Portsmouth TMA
 - Funded through CMAQ and Turnpike project funds
 - Nonprofit organization of employers, municipalities, and regional agencies
 - Works with employers to promote commuter transportation alternatives

Potential Opportunities

- ❖ City parking shuttle
 - Discussion of providing a in-town timed shuttle to connect satellite parking lots to downtown
- ❖ Air travel
 - Though no active passenger airlines use this facility, Pease Airport has passenger terminal and is equipped with related amenities
- ❖ Passenger Rail service

Regional Rail

- ❖ Main Line West
 - Amtrak Downeaster
- ❖ Main Line East
 - 10 miles, in process of abandonment
 - Southern portion owned by NH
- ❖ Portsmouth Branch
 - Active freight line
- ❖ Newington Branch
 - 3.5 miles, active freight



Funding and Incentive Programs

- ❖ COAST
 - Funding from federal allocations, NHDOT, local municipal contributions, fare and advertising revenue
- ❖ CMAQ (Congestion, Mitigation, and Air Quality)
- ❖ MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century)