New England Association of Regional Councils

Pursuing the present and emerging needs of New England and its diverse regions

NEARC 2001 ANNUAL CONFERENCE October 11-13, 2001

Sheraton Harborside Hotel & Conference Center 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, New Hamspshire

Program Agenda

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

12:00 – 5:00 pm Conference Registration

2:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductory Remarks [Amphitheatre Room]

-- Mayor Evelyn Sirrell, Mayor of Portsmouth;

-- Ralph Foster, Chair, Rockingham Planning Commission

-- Steven Cassano, Mayor of Manchester CT & NEARC President

2:15 - 5:00 p.m. NEW ENGLAND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES FORUM:

Developing NEARC's Action Plan for the Successful Reauthorization of the

Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)

The Washington perspective;

State by State assessment of the transportation needs;

Transportation Summit action plan.

[Speakers from Washington, DC and New England panelists will be listed on the

final agenda]

5:30-6:30 p.m. Opening Reception at Hotel [Warner Room]

6:30 p.m. Guided Tour of the Strawberry Banke Museum [to Museum via COAST Trolley]

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

8:00-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast [Prescott Room]

9:00-11:45 a.m. NEW ENGLAND ENVIORNMENTAL ISSUES ROUNDTABLE [Prescott Room]

Panel Of Environmental Secretaries From The Six New England States,

Moderated by Bob Varney New EPA Region 1 Administrator

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12:15-1:30 p.m. NEARC Annual Awards Luncheon

[Prescott Room]

Keynote speaker: Bob Varney, EPA Region 1 Administrator [tentative]

1:45-4:15 p.m. ENGINEERING SUCCESS:

[Pease International Tradeport]

THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER PEASE AIR FORCE BASE

Off-site Briefing and Tour focusing on the redevelopment of Pease as a major regional employment center, including discussion of regional impact issues

Bus Transportation to Pease Tradeport will depart from Hotel promptly at 1:45 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Reception followed by Dinner and Speakers

[Prescott Room]

- Governor Jeanne Shaheen [invited]
- Rob Trowbridge, Chairman of Yankee Publishing Inc., Dublin , NH Publishers of Yankee Magazine and the Old Farmer's Almanac

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

[Prescott Room, unless otherwise noted]

7:30-8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:00-9:15 a.m. NEW TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING:

- Pictometry Inc., John Sununu Sr. and colleagues
- Planner on a Disc, Catherine Ratte, Senior Planner/Program Manager, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

9:15-10:45 a.m. AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SUSTAINABILITY

Panel Presentation & Discussion:

- Bill Niquette, Executive Director, Winooski Community Development Cooperation, Winooski, VT
- Ann Rugg, The Housing Parnership & Workforce Housing Coalition, Portsmouth, NH
- Sarah Young, Deputy Director of Policy, Mass. Dept. of Housing and Community Development, Boston, MA

10:45-11:00 a.m. NARC POLICY REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

Bob Sokolowski, NARC Executive Director

11:00-11:30 a.m. NEARC Annual Business Meeting and Elections

11:30-11:45 a.m. Conference Wrap-Up

- NEARC Annual Raffle
- 2002 Conference Details Nantucket, October 17-19, 2002