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Spaulding Turnpike Coalition

**Frisbie Hospital Community Education & Conference Center
11 Whitehall Road, Rochester NH**

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State investment in turnpikes, highways and the road corridors that connect our communities to each other and the world is approaching crisis level. Communications from NH Department of Transportation instill dread about future layoffs, limiting necessary maintenance and “giving” state roads to municipalities without adequate funding seem unavoidable. As a region, the Seacoast has much to be concerned about. Our post-Recession economic position is the envy of New Hampshire; we have created more innovation and investment than any other Region. However, without continuing adequate funding for the Spaulding Turnpike and the regional highway system, our local investments in economic development and expectations for future economic growth may not be realized.

The **Rochester Economic Development Commission** will host a forum for Seacoast communities to discuss forming a grass roots coalition to protect the economic vitality of our region by advocating for solutions to our transportation challenges. Our goal is to spur conversation amongst friends, neighbors, business colleagues, local leaders and state government officials about our region’s urgent transportation needs – the Spaulding Turnpike, state highways, connecting corridors, freight and passenger rail and public transportation.

The Rochester Economic Development Commission is actively monitoring and supporting a number of transportation projects and initiatives in the region. It is our hope and expectation that through our cooperation a unified voice can emerge, leading to increased investment in transportation and more efficient movement of people and goods throughout the Seacoast Region.