State of New Hampshire

By His Excellency

Craig R. Benson, Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2004-6

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, People with disabilities represent an ever growing percentage of NH travelers; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's Commission on Disability has determined that developing an affordable, accessible transportation infrastructure would remove one of the major barriers to people with disabilities becoming employed; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's Commission on Disability has determined that it is in the public interest to increase opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in educational programs, health care initiatives, and social activities as well as taking part in community activities that will serve to enhance independent living; and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the State of New Hampshire to ensure all citizens have participate in the entrepreneurial spirit which helps NH thrive; and

WHEREAS, In order to promote the state's entrepreneurial spirit, it is the interest of the State of New Hampshire to ensure all citizens have access to transportation services in our state; and

WHEREAS, There is currently no comprehensive statewide plan dealing with transportation issues for those with disabilities in our state,

NOW THEREFORE, I, CRAIG R. BENSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, by the authority vested in me by Pa’t II, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order that:

1. There is established the Governor’s Task Force on Community Transportation. The Task Force shall develop and provide recommendations to the Governor in regard to the development of a coordinated State Policy and State Plan to establish a well-coordinated, interconnected, accessible, statewide transportation system for all transit users in NH.

2. The Task Force shall consist of the following members: The Commissioner of Transportation or her designee, the Commissioner of the Department of Health & Human Services or his designee, a representative of the Governors Commission on Disability, a representative from the Rural Transportation Access Network appointed by the Governor, three or more members of the general public appointed by the Governor.

Given at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this Sixth day of July, in the year two thousand and four, and the independence of the United States of America two hundred and twenty