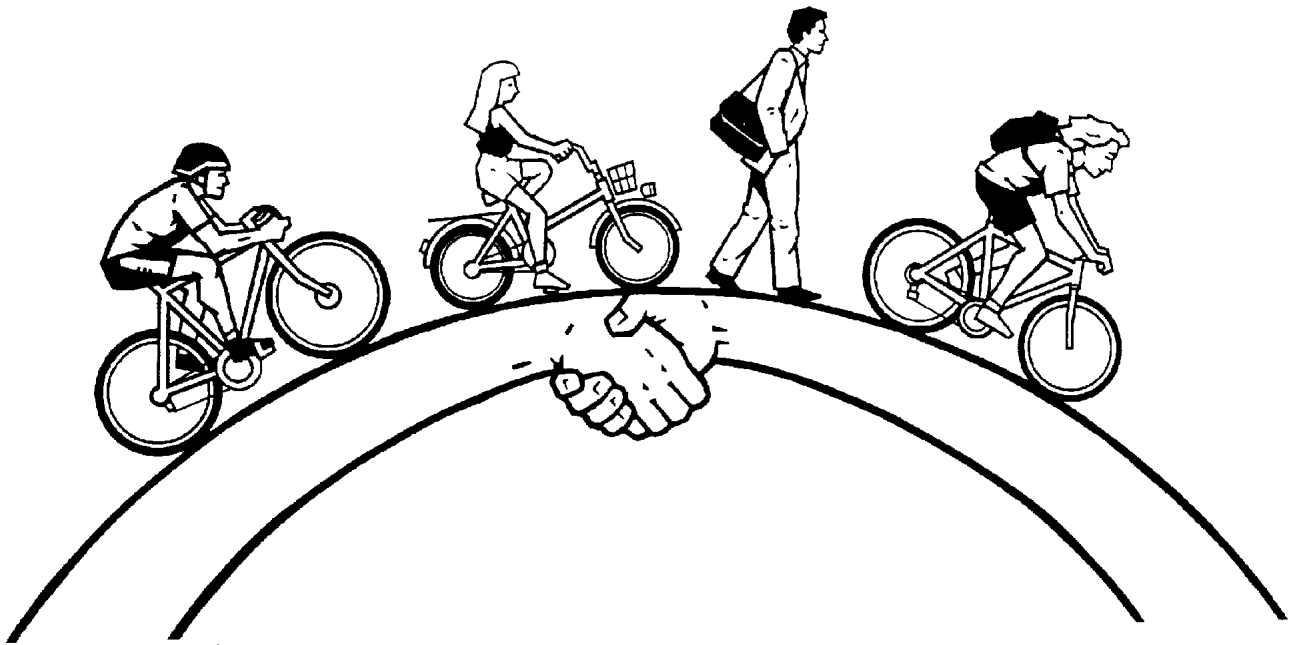


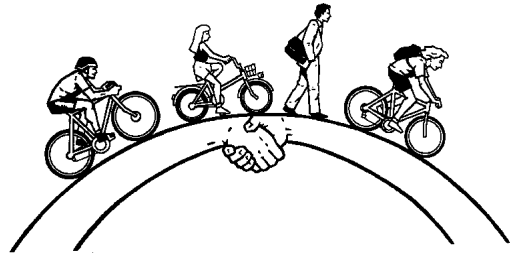
The Rockingham Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project



Connecting Portsmouth and the Seacoast
with Pease International Tradeport
and the Great Bay Region

A Fundraising Project Organized by:
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TOWARDS A REGIONAL BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

For the past four years SABR has been working with municipal and regional planners to develop and secure funding for the Seacoast-Great Bay bicycle transportation network (see map next page). We are committed to the development of a network of safe and convenient bicycle routes connecting the seacoast of New Hampshire and the city of Portsmouth with the Pease International Tradeport and the Great Bay towns of Durham/UNH, Dover, Newington, Newmarket and Exeter.

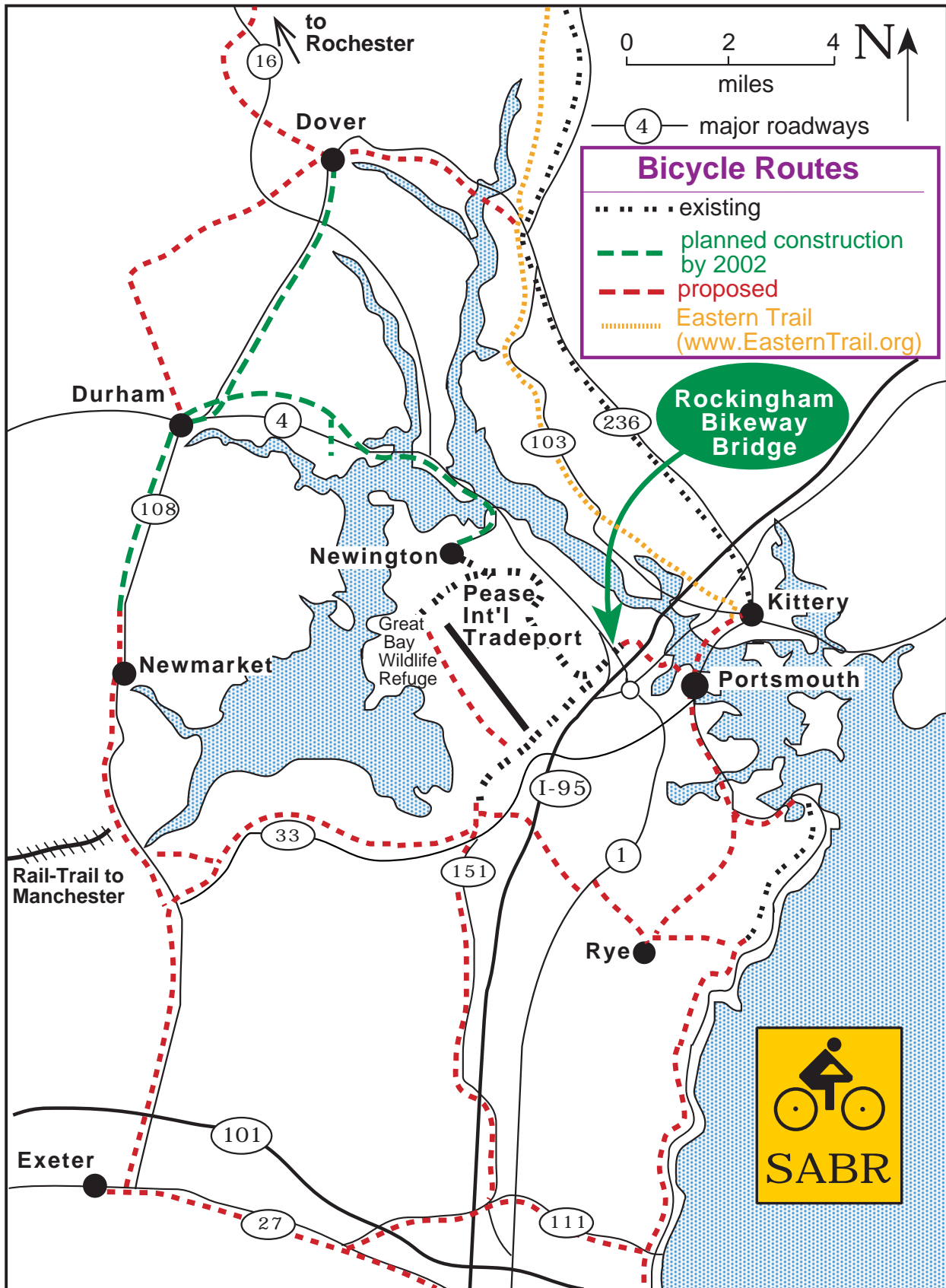
This regional network of well designed bicycle routes has the potential to greatly enhance the quality of life for the entire population in the Seacoast region by:

- providing a safe alternate means of transportation for commuters, students and visitors that is environmentally friendly and promotes good health;
- reducing traffic congestion and air pollution (especially ground level ozone);
- increasing recreational opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians;
- encouraging economic development by making the region more desirable place to live, work, and visit.

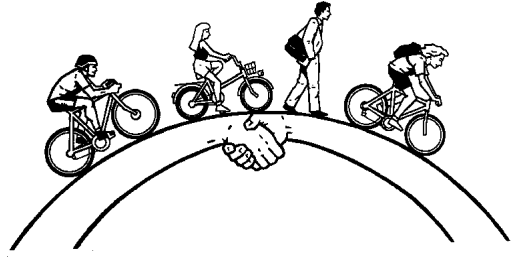
SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR SEACOAST BICYCLE ROUTES:

The "Enhancement" portion of the Federal Governments' 1992 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) provides 80% of the funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects that improve the effectiveness of our transportation system. This means that if projects are selected for funding under the Federal ISTEA program, local communities only need to come up with a local 20% match. SABR has been involved with the development of several other bicycle/pedestrian projects in the Seacoast/Great Bay region have been accepted for funding under the federal ISTEA program (an overview of these projects appears on page 7).

Seacoast/Great Bay Bicycle Transportation Network



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THE CURRENT PROBLEM:

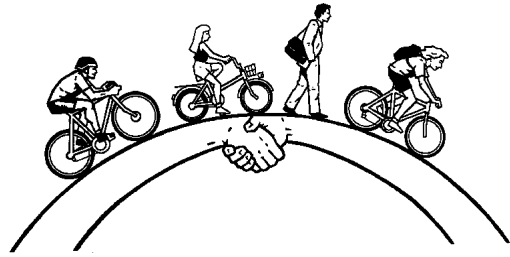
The central location and wide open roads of the Pease International Tradeport, combined with its expanding role as an employment center, make it a natural choice as the central hub in the development of a bicycle transportation system in the Seacoast/Great Bay region. Unfortunately, there is currently no convenient route across the Spaulding Turnpike that would allow safe passage for bicyclists between Portsmouth and Pease. Without this key link, the regional bicycle transportation network would be rendered effectively worthless to the many thousands who live and work in and around "The Capital" of the Seacoast.

THE OBVIOUS SOLUTION:

THE ROCKINGHAM BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

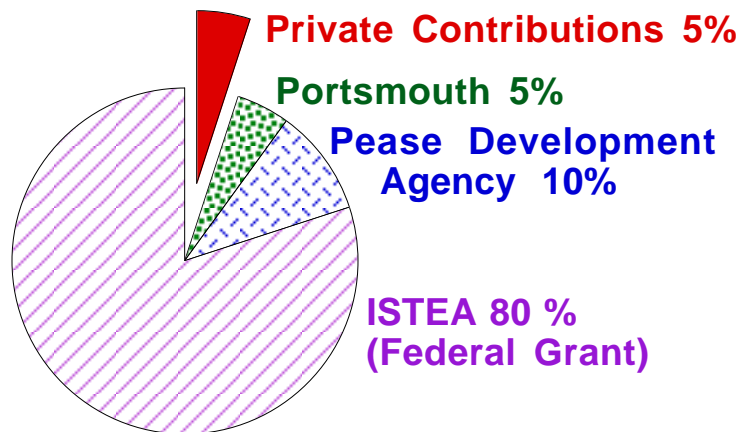
Vital connection between Pease and Portsmouth (as well as the entire seacoast region) will be provided by a bicycle/pedestrian overpass constructed across the Spaulding Turnpike just north of the Portsmouth Traffic Circle and running parallel to Interstate 95. The Rockingham Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge will be a cornerstone in the network of bicycle routes in the Seacoast/Great Bay Region. The bicycle bridge will permit safe and easy access from Portsmouth to destinations throughout Great Bay and the Seacoast. Preliminary engineering for the bridge is already underway, and it is scheduled for construction during the summer of 1998.

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FUNDING THE BRIDGE:

The total cost of designing and constructing the Rockingham Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge is estimated to be \$800,000. SABR has **already helped secure \$777,00 for the project:** 80% from the Federal ISTE A program; 10% from the Pease Development Agency; 5% from the City of Portsmouth; and \$17,000 of the \$40,000 that is slated to come from private contributions. For the private contributions, we have already received generous support from the Portsmouth Rotary Club (\$5000) and the Town of Newington (\$10,000), as well money donated through other fundraising activities.



Total Cost of Project: \$800,000

In order to complete fundraising for the Rockingham Bicycle Bridge, we need to raise the remaining \$23,000. **Your support will help us reach this goal.**

SABR is a recognized non-profit corporation and therefore all donations are tax deductible. If you would like to help improve the quality of life for residents and visitors to the Seacoast by helping us build the Rockingham Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge, or if you require further information, please feel free to contact us.

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SEACOAST AREA BICYCLE ROUTES (SABR)

Other Seacoast/Great Bay Bicycle & Pedestrian Routes Funded through the Federal ISTE A Enhancement/CMAQ Programs & Betterment Funds (see map for route details)

Location	Project Title and Route	Planned Construction Year	Estimated Cost
1. Newington/Pease	Fox Point Road Bicycle/Ped. Path connecting Newington and Pease	finished	\$30,000
2. Durham	In town bicycle improvements signage, restriping, and racks/lockers	1999	\$150,000
3. Durham/Madbury	Wagon Track Bicycle Route bicycle route connecting Scammel Bridge with Route 108 in Durham	2000	\$305,000
4. Portsmouth	In town bicycle improvements signage and striping	2000	\$110,000
5. Durham to Newmarket	NH 108 pave shoulders for bicycles	2000**	\$60,000
6. Durham to Dover	NH 108 pave shoulders for bicycles	2000**	\$50,000
7. Dover	In town bicycle improvements	2000**	\$75,000
8. Durham	NH 155 shoulder improvements	2001**	\$248,000
TOTAL			\$1,028,000

** Pending Round 4 Enhancement and CMAQ approval/scheduling

Other Related Projects

10. Dover	Scammel Bridge Reconstruction to include sidewalks and dedicated shoulders for bicyclists in both directions	1997	\$5,000,000
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