



**COAST to Eliminate Additional Fee to  
Board Buses in Somersworth  
Appreciates Support to Close Funding Gap**

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**Dover, NH** – In response to the Somersworth City Council’s recent approval of a \$17,000 increase in COAST funding in the upcoming FY19 budget, the COAST Board of Directors has voted to eliminate the additional \$0.25 fee to board buses in Somersworth. The increase was recognized as a good faith effort by the City to close the growing gap between COAST’s funding request and the City’s recent practice of level funding the organization.

The change will go into effect on Monday, April 23. “We very much appreciate the support expressed in the recent vote by the City Council. We are very pleased to be removing the additional fee for our riders,” expressed Rad Nichols, COAST Executive Director.

The additional \$17,000 in financial support from the City of Somersworth will have the power to leverage another approximately \$26,000 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds to be applied against COAST operating expenses.

The Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) has provided public transit service to the Seacoast New Hampshire region since 1982. COAST is a public, non-profit transit system that relies primarily on federal and local government support to operate. COAST is governed by a board of directors representing the communities served, two regional planning commissions, and many local and state agencies.

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