

September 13, 2016

Mr. William E. Watson, P.E.
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**RE: Rockingham MPO 2015-2018 TIP Administrative Modification Amendments (NHDOT
 Minor Revisions –September, 2016)**

Dear Bill:

We have received the above-referenced requests to amend four (4) projects in the Rockingham MPO FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program under our Administrative Modifications procedures. The modifications proposed are summarized as follows and are more fully described in the “2015-2018 STIP Revision Report” for September, 2016 which you provided.

August, 2016 request four (4) projects proposed for administrative modification within the region:

Project Number	Location	Project Scope	Proposed Project Changes	Project Cost Change	Approved
26942	East Kingston	NH 107A over B&M Railroad & Road, Deck Replacement and Rehabilitation, Br. No. 061/064	Additional funding for CON in 2016	\$ 492,280	Yes
11238	Newington-Dover	NH 16 Widen Turnpike including Little Bay Bridges from Gosling Road to Dover Toll.	Added \$661,500 for PE in 2016. Reduced CON funding in 2016 by \$390,416. Inflationary increase for 2017 CON (+\$358).	\$ 268,442	Yes
13455E	Portsmouth	Albacore Access Road reconstruction & intersection improvements with US 1 Bypass and Market Street	Increased CON for 2016 (+\$368,500)	\$ 368,500	Yes
HSIP	Statewide	Highway Safety Improvement Program	Increased FY16 CON by \$7,000,000. Decrease FY18 CON by \$3,500,000.	\$ 3,500,000	Yes

We concur that these projects changes are eligible for amendment through the Administrative Modification process.

Our TIP Amendment procedures (Section 6.5, MPO Prospectus) allow such modifications by action of the Executive Director provided that no exceptions are raised by MPO members. MPO TAC and Policy members were notified by email of the proposed modifications on September 9th, 2016 and asked to respond with any comment by open of business on September 12th, 2016. As of that date I received no requests from MPO members that the changes be handled as a full amendment.

It was determined through Interagency Consultation (IAC) that the revisions do not impact the air quality conformity determination or change the financial constraint of the STIP. Based on this information the administrative modifications are approved. By copy of this letter I am informing the New Hampshire office of the FHWA, Region 1 of FTA and NHDES – Air Resources Division of this action.

Please contact me should you have any questions about our actions.

Sincerely,



Cliff Sinnott

Executive Director

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