

August 29, 2016

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

Dear Bill:

We have received the above-referenced requests to amend ten (10) 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 August, 2016 which you provided.

August, 2016 request ten (10) projects proposed for administrative modification within the region:

Project Number	Location	Project Scope	Proposed Project Changes	Project Cost Change	Approved
COAST/ CMAQ Newington- Dover 68069	COAST	Capital equipment purchases and operating support for COAST bus services [Component of the Newington-Dover Project - commuteSMARTSeacoast]	Name Change to “COAST 68069”. Decrease in funding for FY16 (-\$8,624). Increase for FY17 (+\$94,300). New funding for FY18 (+\$149,103). Project also shifts some FY17 & 18 funding from Turnpike funds to FTA5307 (\$234,867).	\$ 234,779	Yes
40284	Statewide	Commuter/Intercity Bus Replacement of existing state-owned coaches used for commuter & intercity bus	Increase funding for FY17 (+\$619,200) and FY18 (+\$638,897) to closer match the Ten Year Plan.	\$ 1,258,214	Yes
Program FTA5310	Statewide	FTA 5310 Program – Capital, Mobility Mgmt, & Operating for Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities	Name change to “Program FTA5310”. Phase changed from “PE” to “Other” for FY 16, 17, & 18. Decreased costs for FY 16,17, & 18 to reflect FTA Allocation amounts. (page 7 & 14 of report)	\$ (679,358)	Yes
SRTS	Statewide	Safe Routes to School Program	Decrease PE funding by \$16,006 for FY16 and shift that funding to “Other” for FY16 & FY17.	\$ 0	Yes

Program FTA5339	Statewide	FTA 5339 Program (Capital bus and bus facilities) for statewide public transportation	Name change to "Program FTA5339". Phase change from "PE" to "Other" for FY 16, 17, & 18. Increased funding listed for FY 16,17, & 18 to reflect FTA Allocation amounts. (page 8 & 15 of revision report)	\$ 1,068,326	Yes
15731	Portsmouth, NH – Kittery, ME	Bridge Replacement, US 1 Bypass over Piscataqua River (Sarah Long Bridge) (Red List)	Moved \$12,100,000 from FY17 to FY16 to account for faster progress on the bridge replacement than anticipated	\$ 0	Yes
Program DBE	Statewide	In house administration of the FHWA supportive program "DBE Compliance Monitoring" (Annual Program)	Name change from "Statewide Special DBE" to "Program DBE". Decreased funding by \$80,000 to be split off into project Program OJT/SS (page 13, 17, & 21 of revision report)	\$ (80,000)	Yes
Program OJT/SS	Statewide	On the Job training for minorities & women to reach journeyman status in the construction industry	New project split off from Program DBE (page 17 of revision report)	\$90,000	Yes
Program HSIP	Statewide	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	Name change from "Statewide HSIP" to "Program HSIP". Decreased funding for PE, ROW, and CON for FY17 and FY18 to reflect approved Ten Year Plan	\$ (1,607,277)	Yes
14633R	Salem to Manchester	DES Land Grant Program to support watershed protection in the I-93 corridor	Moved FY16 ROW funding to FY17. Inflationary cost increase	\$ 37,007	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 August 25th, 2016 and asked to respond with any comment by open of business on August 29th, 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,


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Executive Director

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