

November 9, 2016

Mr. William E. Watson, P.E.
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 New Hampshire Department of Transportation
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**RE: Rockingham MPO 2015-2018 TIP Administrative Modification Amendments (NHDOT
 Minor Revisions -October, 2016)**

Dear Bill:

We have received the above-referenced requests to amend two (2) 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 October, 2016 which you provided.

October, 2016 request two (2) projects proposed for administrative modification within the region:

Project Number	Location	Project Scope	Proposed Project Changes	Project Cost Change	Approved
PROGRAM TA	Statewide	Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	Changed project name from "Statewide TA" to "Program TA" (Existing is on P12, Proposed on Page 9 of report) Funds adjusted for PE and ROW in FY16 and FY17, CON in FY16, FY17, and FY18, and OTHER for FY16 to match actual project requests for funding during those years. PE decreases \$237,100. ROW decreases \$57,650, CON decreases \$860,450, OTHER decreases \$250,000.	\$ (1,405,200)	Yes
25198	Statewide RWIS	To install Road and Weather Systems around the state.	Contract review process delayed CON portion of project from FY16 to FY17.	\$ 0	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 October 27th, 2016 and

asked to respond with any comment by open of business on October 28th, 2016. As of that date I received no requests from MPO members that the changes be handled as a full amendment.

Although no comments were received, the change proposed for the TA Program highlighted an area of concern for the MPO. Greater care is needed in project programming and project execution to ensure that TA projects in the TIP and the State Ten Year Plan fully utilize the available funding and to minimize the loss of these highly sought-after funds to lapse or to more general uses. We anticipate further conversations addressing this issue with the MPO TAC and Policy Committees, NHDOT, and FHWA as we work cooperatively to develop the 2017-2020 TIP and the 2019-2026 State Ten Year Plan.

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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