

December 12, 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 –November, 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 November, 2016 which you provided.

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

Project Number	Location	Project Scope	Proposed Project Changes	Project Cost Change	Approved
29781	Portsmouth	Upgrade 5 existing traffic controllers and interconnects on Woodbury Ave., Market St., and Granite St.	Slight decrease in cost for PE and CON in FY 17 due to reset of inflation year	\$ (8,974)	Yes
SRTS	Statewide Program	Safe Routes to School Program	Added PE for 2017 and PE and OTHER for 2018. Decreased 2016 PE and CON funds, 2017 ROW, and 2018 ROW funds. Increased 2016 ROW and 2017 and 2018 CON funds. All changes intended to align TIP/STIP with current cost estimates for approved projects.	\$ 414,382	Yes
TRAC	Statewide Program	Implement and participate in AASHTO TRAC program in local high schools	Reclassify 2017 and 2018 PE to “Other”. Remove state match for 2018 OTHER and replace with Toll Credits. Now 100% federal funded	\$ 0	Yes
10418X	Salem to Manchester I-93	Final Design (PE) and ROW for I-93 Salem to Manchester corridor post-September 4, 2014	Reallocation of Turnpike funds used for PE in FY 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 to show correct expenditures	\$ 23,476	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 November 21th, 2016 and asked to respond with any comment by open of business on November 23rd, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cliff Sinnott", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cliff Sinnott
Executive Director

cc: Leigh Levine, FHWA
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