

February 24, 2015

Mr. William E. Watson, P.E.  
 Administrator, Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance  
 New Hampshire Department of Transportation  
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**RE: Rockingham MPO 2015-2018 TIP Administrative Modification Amendments (NHDOT  
 Minor Revisions –February, 2015)**

Dear Bill:

We have received the above-referenced requests to amend three (3) 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 “2013-2016 STIP Revision Report” which you provided.

**February, 2015 request three (3) projects proposed for administrative modification within the region:**

Proj. No./ ID#	Location/ Community	Description	Proposed Change(s)	Approved
13903	Portsmouth	Daniel Street Riverwalk and Wharf/Pier Construction adjacent to Memorial Bridge [02-53TE]	Project was previously in the TIP as the Piscataqua Riverwalk project. Total Cost = \$484,000.	Yes
16031	Salem	Manchester & Lawrence Rail Corridor. Multi-use trail improvements in Salem & Windham [09-47TE]	Increased PE funds by \$9,000 and Construction by \$1,000.	Yes
10418X	Salem- Manchester	Final Design (PE) and ROW for I-93 Salem to Manchester Corridor Post June 30, 2014	Increased PE by \$192,000 and ROW by \$33,000.	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 February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and asked to respond with any comment by the close of business on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. 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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