

March 18, 2015

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

Dear Bill:

We have received the above-referenced requests to amend nine (9) 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” for March, 2015 which you provided.

March, 2015 request nine (9) projects proposed for administrative modification within the region:

Proj. No./ ID#	Location/ Community	Description	Proposed Change(s)	Approved
29781	Portsmouth	Upgrade 5 existing traffic controllers and interconnects [10-18CM] on Woodbury Avenue, Market St, and Granite St.	Increased PE funding by \$77,000.	Yes
13455	Portsmouth	Replace bridges over the US 1 Bypass: PE & ROW for Bridges 173/071, 183/087, 188/097, 205/116, 211/114, & 227/112 {Red List}	Increased PE funds by \$271,000 and decrease ROW by \$204,000. Net funding increase of \$67,000	Yes
15731	Portsmouth, NH – Kittery, ME	Bridge replacement & paint over Piscataqua River – 251/108 (Sarah Mildred Long Bridge) {Red List}	Moving \$450,000 in ROW funding from FY 2014 to FY 2015	Yes
10418L	Salem to Manchester	Implement expanded bus service & new commuter incentive program. Purchase 14 commuter coaches & provide 3 years of operating support (CMAQ Program) [04-04CM]	Added \$540,000 in funding for 2015	Yes

10418X	Salem- Manchester	Final Design (PE) and ROW for I-93 Salem to Manchester Corridor Post June 30, 2014	Increased PE by \$296,000 and ROW by \$835,000.	Yes
FLAP	Statewide	Improving transportation facilities that access Federal Lands {FLAP}	Changed program name from FOHWY to FLAP. Shifted \$40,000 of PE funds to ROW. Decreased Construction funding by \$1,150,000	Yes
IMPPP	Statewide	Interstate Maintenance & Interstate Pavement Preservation Program (Annual Program)	Increased Construction funding for FY 2015 by 896,000. Decreased FY 2016 construction funding by \$700,000.	Yes
RCTRL	Statewide	Recreational Trails Fund Act – Projects Selected Annually.	Increased funding for PE (\$9,000 per year) and Construction (\$319,00 per year) for FY 2015 and FY 2016. Total Funding increase of \$656,000.	Yes
LTAP	Statewide	Technical Assistance Program to rural communities and organizations throughout the state – (LTAP*10344)(Annual Project)	Increased PE funds for FY 2015 (\$100,000) and FY 2016 (\$20,000). Net increase of \$120,000.	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 March 16th, 2015 and asked to respond with any comment by the close of business on March 17th, 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,



Cliff Sinnott

Executive Director

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