

September 8, 2015

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 –September, 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 “2015-2018 STIP Revision Report” for September, 2015 which you provided.

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

Proj. No./ ID#	Location/ Community	Description	Proposed Change(s)	Approved
26485	Hampton-Portsmouth	Purchase rail corridor from Hampton to Portsmouth approximately 9.7 miles and improve trail	Delay construction until FY2017. Inflationary cost increase of \$64,374	Yes
11238	Newington-Dover	NH16 Turnpike including Little Bay Bridges from Gosling Road to Dover Toll	Construction moved from 2015 to 2016. Inflationary cost increase of \$9,856	Yes
10044G	Plaistow	Reconstruct NH125 from East Road to Old Road	Construction advanced from 2016 & 2017 to 2015. Cost decrease of \$405,993. Project will advertise on 9/22//2015.	Yes
13455	Portsmouth	Replace Bridges Along US1 Bypass	Increased PE by \$165,000	Yes
20258	Portsmouth	Construct new sidewalk and striped bicycle shoulders and associated drainage along Peverly Hill Road.	Construction delayed from 2016 to 2017. Inflationary cost increase of \$13,252	Yes
15731	Portsmouth, NH – Kittery, ME	Bridge Replacement, US 1 Bypass over Piscataqua River (Sarah Mildred Long Bridge) (Red List)	Construction advanced from 2017 to 2015.	Yes

14800H	Salem-Manchester	Final Design services for PE & ROW	Cost increase of \$165,654. Funding source name changed from "GARVEEE Debt Service" to "GARVEE-12"	Yes
IMPPP	Statewide	Interstate Maintenance and Interstate Pavement Preservation Program (Annual Program)	Construction increased by \$6.9 million in 2015 and offset by an equal decrease from 2017 and 2018. No cost change	Yes
RRRCS	Statewide	Reconstruction of crossings, signals, and related work (Annual Project)	Construction increased by \$1.2 million in 2015 and offset by an equal decrease from 2017 and 2018. No cost change	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 September 2nd, 2015 and asked to respond with any comment by close of business on September 4th, 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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