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

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 July, 2015 which you provided.

July, 2015 request four (4) projects proposed for administrative modification within the region:

Proj. No./ ID#	Location/ Community	Description	Proposed Change(s)	Approved
COAST-2 2691	COAST	COAST Preventive Maintenance	Original did not show Federal Funding. Additional FTA 5307 Funding for FY2015. Total cost increase of \$560,000.	Yes
12334	Salem	Reconstruction of Depot intersection NH 28 (Broadway) and NH 97 (Main Street) add turn lanes on NH 28 (MUPCA)	All PE consolidated to 2016 and funding source changed to Surface Transportation Program for areas over 200,000 population. Local match listed. Cost decrease of \$103,366	Yes
10418X	Salem to Manchester	Final Design (PE) and ROW for I-93 Salem to Manchester corridor post June 30, 2014	Information only change as almost all of the changes shown in the report were done as part of the May minor revisions. The change in this revision shifts all of the 2015 ROW funds to Federal money.	Yes

CRDR	Statewide	Culvert replacement/rehabilitation and drainage repairs (annual project)	PE shifted largely to 2015 from future years and increased by \$8,425. ROW decreased by \$18,472. Total cost decrease of \$10,047. Change in funding source including addition of state matching funds.	Yes
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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 August 6th, 2015 and asked to respond with any comment by close of business on August 10th, 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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