



March 13, 2014

Bill Cass  
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**RE: RPC MPO Approval of FY 2013-2016 STIP Amendment #5**

Dear Mr. Cass,

This letter is to inform you that on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Rockingham Planning Commission, meeting as the MPO Policy Committee, approved Amendment #5 to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #5 was approved following appropriate public notice, a 15 day comment period and public hearing as required in our Prospectus. The public notice and project information can be found at the RPC website ([www.rpc-nh.org](http://www.rpc-nh.org)), and these documents detail the changes that Amendment #5 has made to the RPC 2013-2016 TIP.

Based on the information provided regarding the movement of projects in time, changes in project scopes and costs, and taking into account the comments received it has been determined that:

- The fiscal constraint of the TIP/STIP is maintained as there is no change in the cost of the project.
- As of July 20, 2013 all of New Hampshire is unclassifiable/attainment for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (the 2008 ozone standard); and the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (the 1997 ozone standard) is revoked for transportation conformity purposes in the Boston-Manchester-Portsmouth (SE), NH area.

Based on these points the MPO voted to approve Amendment#5 to the 2013-2016 TIP inclusive of the project changes listed on the following pages.

Sincerely,

Cliff Sinnott  
Executive Director

cc: Patrick Bauer, Division Administrator, FHWA NH Division Office  
Nick Garcia, FTA Region 1  
Don Cooke, EPA Region 1  
Paul Lockwood, NH DES Air Resources Division  
MPO TAC/Policy members

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Hampton</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>20227</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>US 1</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Reconfigure and signalize US 1/Winnacunnet Rd intersection with pedestrian crossing and shorter cross walks [10-06CM]				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Project dropped at request of community				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$0				
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Hampton – Portsmouth</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>26485</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>Hampton Branch RR</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Purchase rail corridor from Hampton to Portsmouth approximately 9.7 miles to improve trail surface [13-01CM]				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	PE funds advanced to 2013. ROW funds split between 2014 and 2015 and decreased by \$85,000.				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$5,447,000				
<b>Location:</b>	<b>New Castle – Rye</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>16127</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>NH 1B</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Rehabilitate single leaf bascule moveable bridge over Little Harbor – 066/071 {Red List}				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	All construction consolidated to 2016 and cost increased by \$116,000.				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$14,428,000				
<b>Location:</b>	<b>North Hampton</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>24457</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>US 1</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Replace bridge over Boston & Maine Railroad – 148/132 {Red List}				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	ROW consolidated to 2015 and small inflationary increase in cost (+\$7,000)				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$815,000				
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Plaistow</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>10044G</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>NH 125</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Reconstruct from East Road to Old Road (Parent = Plaistow-Kingston 10044B)				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Construction moved from 2015 to 2016 & cost decrease of \$390,000				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$6,234,000				
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>13455</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>US 1 Bypass</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Replace bridges over the Bypass: PE and ROW for bridges 173/071, 183/087, 188/097, 205/116, 211/114, and 227/112 {Red List}				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Increase PE costs by \$440,000 and shift some PE to 2014				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$1,560,000				
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>20255</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>Woodbury Ave</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Upgrade 5 existing traffic controllers and interconnects [10-18CM]				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Construction delayed to 2015 and cost increase of \$9,000 for inflation.				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$287,000				
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>20258</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>Peverly Hill Road</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Construct new sidewalk and striped bicycle shoulders & associated drainage to promote safe biking and walking [10-19CM]				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Construction delayed to 2015 and cost increase of \$13,000 for inflation				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$471,000				
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>27690</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>US 1 Bypass</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Culvert replacement, US 1 Bypass over Hodgson Brook No 192/106				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	New Project PE & ROW scheduled for 2014. Construction not listed.				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$248,000				

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Salem</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>12334</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>NH 28</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Reconstruct intersection, Main Street & Depot Street, including signals, left turn lanes & approaches [MUPCA*450] {Municipal Urban Program}				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	PE funds shifted primarily to 2015. ROW funds shifted to 2015 & 2016.. Construction funds removed from TIP (moved to 2017 or later).				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$1,037,000				
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Salem</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>16031</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>M&amp;L Rail Corridor</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Multi-use trail improvements in Salem & Windham [09-47TE]				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Construction moved from 2014 to 2015 and increased by \$30,000 for inflation.				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$1,121,000				
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>14744</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>Various</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Scour & hydraulic analysis on 130 bridges & waterways; foundation & hydraulic analysis on 48 bridges with unknown foundations; develop scour manual and POA.				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Project Removed				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$0				
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>HSIP</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>Various</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) [Parent]				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Construction funding increased by \$20,673,000 for FYs 2014-2016 to restore funds depleted by individual projects.				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$36,208,000				
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>IMPPP</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>Various</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Interstate Maintenance & Interstate Pavement Preservation Program (Annual Program)				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	PE increased by \$100,000 for 2014. Construction funds increased by \$1,667,000 for each of 2014-2016. Total cost increase of \$5,100,000.				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$27,570,000				
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>PRRCS</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>Various</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Pavement Resurfacing, Rehabilitation & Crackseal Program & Related Work (Annual Federal Resurfacing Program)				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Construction funding added for 2014 (\$2,000,000) and for 2015 (\$5,000,000)				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$78,990,000				
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>SBCM</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>Various</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Scenic Byways corridor management, planning, and development of facilities, to enhance scenic qualities of New Hampshire (Annual Project)				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	PE, ROW, and Construction funds removed from 2015 and 2016 for a total decrease in funding of \$1,000,000				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$1,000,000				
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Newington</b>	<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>FW GREA 10(1)</b>	<b>Facility:</b>	<b>Arboretum Drive</b>
<u>Description:</u>	Eastern Federal Land Highways Division. Rehabilitate Arboretum Drive				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Project to be added to the TIP				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$250,001-\$500,000				