

November 9, 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 –October, 2015)**

Dear Bill:

We have received the above-referenced requests to amend thirteen (13) 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 October, 2015 which you provided.

**October, 2015 request thirteen (13) projects proposed for administrative modification within the region:**

Proj. No./ ID#	Location/ Community	Description	Proposed Change(s)	Approved
29609	Hampton	Engineering study/ design for Ocean Blvd improvements	Change in funding category	Yes
29610	Hampton Falls	Intersection improvements to enhance traffic operations and safety	Change in funding category	Yes
29614	New Castle	Feasibility study for causeway improvements	Change in funding category	Yes
11238K	Newington-Dover	NH16/US 4/Spaulding Turnpike, reconfiguration and relocation of ramps and access	Inflation removed from cost estimate (- \$1,940) and change in funding category	Yes
29617	Newton	Improvements to Rowe’s Corner (Maple Ave, Amesbury Rd)	Change in funding category	Yes
24457	North Hampton	Replace bridge carrying US 1 over Boston & Maine RR (Redlist bridge 148/132)	Change in funding category. Added state match. Increased PE & ROW costs. Shift of funds from FY 15 to FY 16. Total cost increase of \$185,645.	Yes

10044G	Plaistow	Reconstruct NH 125, from East Road to Old Road	Construction funding moved from FY16 and FY17 to FY15. Decrease in cost estimate from PS&E and reduced inflation. Cost decrease of \$515,932.	Yes
13455	Portsmouth	Replace Bridges Along US1 Bypass	Funding category change. Listing shows cost change as well but this was approved as part of September minors	Yes
16189	Portsmouth, NH – Kittery, ME	Rehabilitation of bridge over Piscataqua River (High Level Bridge – I-95)	Change in funding category. Decreased cost by \$197,839	Yes
FBRPI	Statewide	Bridge Rehabilitation, Painting, Preservation & Improvement Projects (Federal Program)	Increased FY16 PE by \$400,000	Yes
40054	Statewide	Develop Statewide Historic Bridge Management Plan	Moved from FY15 to FY16. Inflationary cost increase of \$7,216	Yes
20248	Statewide ITS	Implement several direct measures to reduce congestion in the non-attainment area of NH.	Added \$50,600 for construction in 2016	Yes
27771	Stratham	Pedestrian and Bicycle improvements in the village district	Construction cost decreased by \$27,897 based on PS&E.	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 November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and asked to respond with any comment by close of business on November 6<sup>th</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

cc: Leigh Levine, FHWA  
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