

Press Release

Rockingham Planning Commission/Metropolitan Planning Organization Releases Annual List of Obligated Projects (FY2015)

“Obligated” projects are those that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have committed to reimbursing a share of the cost of construction or implementation. Pursuant to Federal Regulations in CFR 450.332, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO’s), as the entities responsible for maintaining the metropolitan transportation planning process, must make public an annual listing of projects for which federal transportation funds were obligated in the preceding fiscal year. These are generally projects that have been recently completed, are under construction, or are nearing construction, where federal transportation funds have been officially committed with a signed project agreement. The full report contains additional detail regarding these projects however some highlights include:

- **\$ 78.9 million** dollars in Federal Highway funds committed in the RPC region in 53 contracts addressing bridge, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian oriented projects.
- **\$ 8.9 Million** in Federal Transit funds committed to COAST and CART to support their operations and capital needs.
- **95 Statewide Maintenance and Preservation Programs** with some obligational activity in the region keeping and returning roads and bridges to good condition.
- **\$30 million** obligated towards the replacement of the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge between Portsmouth, NH and Kittery, ME.
- **\$23.8 million** obligated in the RPC region facilitating continued work on the I-93 expansion from Salem to Manchester.
- **Nearly \$900,000** in federal funds freed for use in forthcoming transportation projects around New Hampshire.

Notice is hereby given that, acting in its capacity as the MPO for its planning district, the Rockingham Planning Commission has published its 2015 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects and made it available to be viewed and downloaded on the RPC website, www.rpc-nh.org. For more information, contact David Walker, Transportation Program Manager, at Rockingham Planning Commission, 156 Water St., Exeter, NH 03833; 603-778-0885 or email at dwalker@rpc-nh.org.