

April 20, 2016

Christopher M. Waszczuk
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RE: RPC MPO Approval of FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment #3

Dear Mr. Waszczuk,

This letter is to inform you that on April 13th, 2016, the Rockingham Planning Commission, meeting as the MPO Policy Committee, approved Amendment #3 to the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #3 was approved following appropriate public notice, a 10-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), and these documents detail the changes that Amendment #3 has made to the RPC 2015-2018 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 changes proposed by this TIP amendment are primarily the result of programming changes determined to be necessary by the NHDOT and subsequently endorsed by the MPO.
- The fiscal constraint of the TIP/STIP is maintained according to the DOT documentation is included in the informational packet on the RPC website as well as on the NHDOT STIP Amendment page on the NHDOT website.
- The projects listed in first four years of the financially constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) are consistent with the project listings in the 2015-2018 TIP, which, by design, is incorporated as the LRTP's short-range project-specific list.
- The projects listed in the TIP are the result of a regional project selection process undertaken by the RPC as part of the development of the 2015-2024 State Ten Year Plan. This process evaluated 104 projects pulled from previous plans, corridor studies, and submitted by member communities to establish priorities for the State Ten Year plan using a common set of selection criteria agreed upon by each MPO and NHDOT. At the April, 10th, 2013 meeting of the RPC MPO a motion was passed to submit a prioritized and constrained list of 76 projects could potentially be funded. These project recommendations are consistent with the goals of the region's Long Range Transportation Plan.
- As of July 20, 2013, all of New Hampshire is unclassifiable/attainment for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (the 2008 ozone standard), and as of April 6, 2015, the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (the 1997 ozone

standard) is revoked for all purposes, including transportation conformity in the Boston-Manchester-Portsmouth (SE) NH area.

- Consistent with the RPC's Public Participation Process, this notice and comment period is also intended to meet FTA requirements for public comment on the programs of transit projects put forward by NHDOT, UNH and the COAST and CART transit systems.

Based on these points the MPO voted to approve Amendment#3 to the 2015-2018 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
Ariel Garcia, EPA Region 1
Rebecca Ohler, NH DES Air Resources Division
MPO TAC/Policy members

Project Summary Table - TIP Amendment #3

Location:	East Kingston	Project ID:	26942	Facility:	NH 107A
<u>Description:</u>	NH 107A over B&M Railroad and road, deck replacement and rehabilitation, BR NO 061/064				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Construction phase added to the TIP in 2018 for an increase of \$1,171,526.				
<u>Total Proposed 2015-2018 TIP Funding:</u>	\$1,336,526				
Location:	FTA 5307 Boston UZA	Project ID:	FTA5307	Facility:	Boston UZA
<u>Description:</u>	FTA Section 5307 apportioned funds for Boston UZA <i>for NHDOT Projects</i>				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Scope description change to include the phrase "for NHDOT projects"				
<u>Total Proposed 2015-2018 TIP Funding:</u>	\$14,768,613				
Location:	Plaistow-Kingston	Project ID:	10044E	Facility:	NH 125
<u>Description:</u>	Reconstruct NH 125 anticipated 3 lanes with some side road realignment from south of town line northerly approx. 1.8 mi.				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Scope description change only				
<u>Total Proposed 2013-2016 TIP Funding:</u>	\$2,758,354				
Location:	UNH/Wildcat Transit	Project ID:	40419	Facility:	Transit
<u>Description:</u>	Fleet replacement vehicles for Wildcat Transit. UNH/Wildcat Transit: Replace six existing cutaway small transit vehicles				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Scope description change only				
<u>Total Proposed 2015-2018 TIP Funding:</u>	\$525,000				
Location:	Statewide	Project ID:	PVMRK	Facility:	Statewide
<u>Description:</u>	Statewide Pavement Marking Annual Project				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Increase in construction funds for FY 2017 and 2018. Shift to all federal funding.				
<u>Total Proposed 2015-2018 TIP Funding:</u>	\$12,400,000				
Location:	Statewide	Project ID:	RWIS	Facility:	Statewide
<u>Description:</u>	Install Road and Weather Information Systems (RWIS) stations around the state				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	PE added utilizing Turnpike funds to implement RWIS on NH Turnpikes				
<u>Total Proposed 2015-2018 TIP Funding:</u>	\$448,555				
Location:	Statewide	Project ID:	RCTRL	Facility:	ITS
<u>Description:</u>	Recreational Trails Fund Act – Projects selected annually				
<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>	Funds redistributed to PE, ROW, and Construction based on obligated project needs. All unobligated funds reassigned to "Other" phase. Small decrease in federal funds. Small increase in "Other" funding from local match.				
<u>Total Proposed 2015-2018 TIP Funding:</u>	\$6,774,925				