



January 12, 2012

Bill Cass
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RE: RPC MPO Approval of FY 2011-2014 STIP Amendment #4

Dear Mr. Cass,

This letter is to inform you that on January 11th, 2012, the Rockingham Planning Commission, meeting as the MPO Policy Committee, approved Amendment #4 to the MPO's 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #4 was approved following appropriate public notice, a 30 day comment period and public hearing as required in our Prospectus. The public notice, project information, and air quality analysis can be found at the RPC website (www.rpc-nh.org), and these documents detail the changes that Amendment #4 has made to the RPC 2012-2014 TIP as does the attached project table.

Comments were received from COAST during the comment period to add the newly authorized COAST 5309 Veterans Transportation & Community Living Initiative Grant (see attached letter).

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 indicated in DOT provided fiscal constraint documentation.
- RPC, in consultation with its interagency partners, has confirmed that the changes listed in Amendment 4 trigger a new conformity determination of the SE NH 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area. Revisions have been made to the air quality analysis for Rockingham, New Hampshire MPO portion of the Ozone Nonattainment Area and to the air quality analyses for the Nashua, Strafford, and Southern New Hampshire MPO portions of the Ozone Nonattainment Area. Those analyses have demonstrated that the proposed changes would conform to the specified emission budgets in the State Implementation Plan.

Based on these points the MPO voted to approve Amendment#4 to the 2011-2014 TIP inclusive of the project changes included in the attached table.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Patrick Bauer, Division Administrator, FHWA NH Division Office
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