

RPC 2023-2032 Ten Year Plan Approach

9 July 2020

1. **Confirmation of continued support for existing Ten Year Plan projects:** As with past TYP rounds, we are asking that RPCs confirm that existing projects in the TYP are still regional priorities.
 - a. If there are projects proposed to be removed, please provide confirmation that this is acceptable to the RPC(s) and town(s) impacted.
 - b. Projects that are no longer priorities may be removed from the TYP, and existing projects may be advanced in the TYP within the dollars for the removed projects and/or funding can be reallocated to new projects.
2. **Anticipated regional programming allocation:** Based on the success of the 2021-2030 TYP process, NHDOT is again proposing to allocate \$50M in funding in the draft 2023-2032 TYP to the 9 RPCs to use for regional project programming.

The Department continues to review the projects from the approved 2021-2030 TYP. The reality is that the Plan ultimately approved through the statutory process was reasonably constrained based on estimated appropriations in the FAST Act. As we know, we are currently in a federal funding reauthorization window and pandemic, meaning the actual amount of funding available may continue to be refined. As a result, the amount of funding available for new projects may be less than \$50M. How much less (if any) is still to be determined.

3. **Calculation of the Programming Allocation for each Region:**
 - a. NHDOT proposes to use the same methodology as was used for the 2021-2030 TYP to allocate funding on the basis of 50% Regional census population and 50% Federal-Aid Eligible (FAE) Lane Miles.
 - b. The budget allocation applies to new and existing, underfunded projects in the 2023-2032 TYP.
 - c. All new projects will be targeted for CON phase programming in 2031 & 2032. NHDOT will make recommendations on other necessary phases (PE/ROW/OTHER) based on appropriate project schedules and available funds to accomplish this.
 - d. All new project proposals must account for annual inflation (2.80%) and indirect costs (10%) in the proposed estimates.
4. **Engineering review required for all new projects:**
 - a. As we implemented in the 2021-2030 TYP process, all new projects proposed by RPCs for inclusion in the TYP will need to have undergone engineering review by a licensed professional engineer for completeness and accuracy. We continue to encourage/support RPC efforts to obtain the services of professional engineers through

on-call consultant contracts to support regional cost estimating efforts as well as other ongoing conceptual design work to support planning efforts.

For those RPCs that lack the services of a licensed professional engineer to perform these reviews, NHDOT will continue to provide additional review and comment.

5. Evaluation criteria:

- a. All proposed TYP projects for the 2023-2032 TYP will be evaluated utilizing the project evaluation criteria and application form developed by the TPC. Those criteria are attached to this document.
- b. All 9 RPCs will apply all of the project evaluation criteria to proposed projects consistently to evaluate those projects.
Please note: Each RPC maintains the ability to weight criteria based on respective regional priorities.
- c. Each RPC prioritizes new projects to TYP by the criteria and weights and submit to NHDOT by November 6, 2020.
Submittals *must* include a completed project application for each project submitted along with an initial understanding of project ranking using the evaluation criteria.
- d. November 2020 -February 2021 NHDOT estimate review committee will review top projects from each region to vet the scope and estimates. Comments from the Estimate Review Committee will be provided to RPCs for consideration in developing final list of regional projects.
- e. Individual RPCs meet with NHDOT over January - February 2021 to discuss:
 - Results of the NHDOT review of proposed projects.
 - NHDOT strategy re: development of the draft 2023-2032 NH TYP, including proposed approach to GACIT for 2023-2032 TYP.
 - RPC questions regarding the 2023-2032 TYP efforts
- f. Final list of regional priorities due to NHDOT by March 31, 2021.

6. **Presentation to Commissioner's Office:** Final list of projects to be presented to Commissioner's Office for their consideration by end of May 2021.