

August 4, 2016

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 –July, 2016)**

Dear Bill:

We have received the above-referenced requests to amend seven (7) 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 July, 2016 which you provided.

**July, 2016 request seven (7) projects proposed for administrative modification within the region:**

Project Number	Location	Project Scope	Proposed Project Changes	Project Cost Change	Approved
26942	East Kingston	NH 107A over B&M Railroad and Road. Deck Replacement and Rehabilitation, Br. # 061/064	Advance CON funds from 2018 to 2016. Small decrease in cost due to less inflation	\$ (71,526)	Yes
Program FTA5307	Boston UZA	FTA Section 5307 apportioned funds for Boston UZA for NHDOT Projects	Name change to “Program FTA5307”. Phase changed from “PE” to “Other” for FY 16, 17, & 18. Decreased costs listed for FY 16,17, & 18 to reflect FTA Allocation amounts.	\$ (793,843)	Yes
20258	Portsmouth	Construct new sidewalk and striped bicycle shoulders and associated drainage along Peverly Hill Road.	Moved \$62,635 of PE & all ROW funds from 2016 to 2017. Small cost increase.	\$ 2,484	Yes
29781	Portsmouth	Upgrade 5 existing traffic controllers and interconnects on Woodbury Ave., Market St., and Granite St.	Added \$3,096 in funding for PE in 2017	\$ 3,096	Yes

Program CRDR	Statewide	Culvert Replacement/Rehabilitation & Drainage Repairs (Annual Project)	Name changed to "Program CRDR" from "Statewide CRDR". PE increased in 2016 due to increase in projects advertising. ROW decreased in 2017 by same amount.	\$ -	Yes
Program PRRCS	Statewide	Pavement Resurfacing, Rehabilitation & Crackseal program and Related work. (Annual Fed Res Prog)	Name changed to "Program PRRCS" from "Statewide PRRCS". Increased CON by \$2.5 million in 2016 to advance 2 projects.	\$ 2,500,000	Yes
10418X	Salem to Manchester	Final Design (PE) and ROW for I-93 Salem to Manchester corridor post September 4, 2014	Funding reduced due to decrease in inflation and new estimate	\$ (55,159)	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 August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and asked to respond with any comment by close of business on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. 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,



Cliff Sinnott

Executive Director

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