

August 25, 2017

Mr. William E. Watson, P.E.
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 New Hampshire Department of Transportation
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RE: Rockingham MPO 2017-2020 TIP Administrative Modification Amendments (NHDOT Minor Revisions – August, 2017)

Dear Bill:

We have received the above-referenced requests to amend twelve (12) projects in the Rockingham MPO FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program under our Administrative Modifications procedures. The modifications proposed are summarized as follows and are more fully described in the “2017-2020 TIP Revision Report” for August, 2017 which is attached.

August, 2017 request twelve (12) projects proposed for administrative modification within the region:

| Project Number | Location | Project Scope | Proposed Project Changes | Project Cost Change | Approved |
|----------------|------------------|---|--|---------------------|----------|
| 16127 | NEW CASTLE - RYE | Bridge replace, Single Leaf Bascule Bridge, NH 1B over Little Harbor (Red List) Br No 066/071 | NEPA delays have moved all CON to 2019-2020 | \$187,825 | Yes |
| 29617 | NEWTON | Improvements to Rowe's Corner (Maple Ave, Amesbury Rd) | Funding type change to reflect most constrained funding type in federal system for project. Updated to show Turnpike Toll Credit match | \$0 | Yes |
| 29640 | PORTSMOUTH | US 1 Improvements (1 mi.) from Constitution Dr to Wilson Rd and from Ocean Rd to White Cedar Dr | Change to reflect most constrained funding type in federal system for project. | \$0 | Yes |
| BRDG-HIB-M&P | PROGRAM | Maintenance and preservation efforts for High Investment Bridges | Increase in PE to address emergency repairs at Hampton Harbor. | \$100,000 | Yes |
| CRDR | PROGRAM | Culvert Replacement/ Rehabilitation & Drainage Repairs (Annual Project) | The program is being adjusted to accommodate necessary increases in children project fund amounts | \$0 | Yes |
| GRR | PROGRAM | GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT [Federal Aid Guardrail | GRR projects are not all on the Highway system, so a more flexible code was used | (\$1,320,000) | Yes |

| | | Improvement Program] (Annual Project) | for all funding | | |
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| PAVE-T2-MAINT | PROGRAM | Maintenance paving of the tier 2 system. | The program is being adjusted to accommodate necessary increases in children project fund amounts. 2017 is all Betterment funded | \$1,105,660 | Yes |
| UBI | PROGRAM | Underwater Bridge Inspection (Annual Project) | The State owned bridges that are due for underwater inspection in 2017 will require additional funds beyond what are currently budgeted. | \$13,000 | Yes |
| 15904 | SEABROOK - HAMPTON | Reconstruction of the Red List bridge carrying NH 1A over Hampton River (Br No 235/025) | Funding type adjusted to better align with available federal funding. | \$0 | Yes |
| 40792A | STATEWIDE | STIC Incentive for 1) Traffic Incident Management Training and 2) Implement e-Document Storage | Separated project from 40792 using all STIC funding. FHWA Grant funded projects to develop Everyday Counts (EDC) efforts | \$137,500 | Yes |
| 40792B | STATEWIDE | STIC Incentive for 1) D-B guidance document, 2) 2D hydraulic model, and 3) AASHTO SPaT | Separated project from 40792 using all STIC funding. FHWA Grant funded projects to develop Everyday Counts (EDC) efforts | \$100,000 | Yes |
| 40792 | STATEWIDE - STIC | 2017 STIC Incentive for 1) Mobile Devices and 2) Design-Build documentation | Removed from TIP/STIP. Funds reallocated to 40792A and 40792B | (\$137,500) | Yes |

Net Change \$186,485

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 23rd, 2017 and asked to respond with any comment by end of business on August 24th, 2017. 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,



Tim Roache
Executive Director

cc: Leigh Levine, FHWA, Leah Sirmin, FTA, Tim White, NHDES