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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 – September, 2017)

Dear Bill:

We have received the above-referenced requests to amend twelve (18) projects in the Rockingham MPO <u>FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program</u> 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 September, 2017 which is attached.

August, 2017 request eighteen (18) projects proposed for administrative modification within the region:

Project	Lauretiau	Pulled		Project Cost	
Number	Location	Project Scope	Proposed Project Changes	Change	Approved
40284	COMMUTER/INT ERCITY BUS REPLACEMENT	Replacement of existing state- owned coaches used for commuter and intercity bus.	Decreased Funding	(\$265,970)	Yes
40436	EXETER	Widen shoulders to 5' on Kingston Road (NH Route 111) for approximately 1.1 miles. (14- 26TAP)	Increase of funds for PE. CON Funds moved from 2017 to 2018	\$9,997	Yes
13455D	PORTSMOUTH	US 1 Bypass: Replace Woodbury Avenue and Stark Street bridges over US 1 Bypass	Funds moved from 2020 to 2017	(\$686,796)	Yes
27690	PORTSMOUTH	Culvert Rehabilitation, US 1 By- Pass over Hodgson Brook Br No 192/106	Decrease in funds	(\$63,559)	Yes
40893	PORTSMOUTH	Study the long-term needs of the Portsmouth Transportation Center	Funds moved from 2017 to 2018	(\$5,280)	Yes

15731	PORTSMOUTH, NH - KITTERY, ME	Bridge Replacement, US 1 Bypass over Piscataqua River (Sarah Mildred Long Bridge) (Red List)	Decrease in ROW funds. CON funds moved from 2018 to 2017	(\$711,323)	Yes
BRDG- T1/2- M&P	PROGRAM	Maintenance & preservation of tier 1 & 2 bridges	Increased CON in 2017 and 2018. Decreased CON in 2019 and 2020	\$842,000	Yes
CRDR	PROGRAM	CULVERT REPLACEMENT/ REHABILITATION & DRAINAGE REPAIRS (Annual Project)	Increased PE in 2017. Increased CON in 2017	\$454,000	Yes
FLAP	PROGRAM	Improving transportation facilities that access Federal Lands within NH {FLAP}	Increase of PE funds. Decrease in CON for 2017, increase for 2018	\$388,000	Yes
PAVE-T1- PRES	PROGRAM	Preservation of Tier 1 pavements	Increased CON in 2017	\$2,500,000	Yes
PAVE-T2- PRES	PROGRAM	Preservation of Tier 2 pavements.	PE Funds moved from 2018-2020 to 2018. ROW funds removed. CON funds increased in 2017-2018, decreased in 2019-2020.	\$0	Yes
PAVE-T2- REHAB	PROGRAM	Rehab of Tier 2 roads	Increased CON in 2017	\$82,525	Yes
SRTS	PROGRAM	SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM	Increase of PE funds. CON decreased in 2017, increased in 2018. OTHER decreased.	\$0	Yes
10418T	SALEM TO MANCHESTER	CORRIDOR SERVICE PATROL (Salem to Manchester)	Decreased funding	(\$7,209)	Yes
40792B	STATEWIDE	STIC Incentive for 2D hydraulic model and to promote the CHANGE initiative	Project Renamed STIC-CHANGE and funding decreased.	(\$103,000)	Yes
40792B	STIC - CHANGE	STIC Incentive for 2D hydraulic model and to promote the CHANGE initiative	Renamed from Statewide 40792B. Funds decreased to split out 40792C and 40792D	\$22,000	Yes
40792C	STIC - DESIGN- BUILD	STIC Incentive for Design-Build guidance document	CHANGE New Project split from 40792A & B	\$20,000	Yes
40792D	STIC - SPAT	STIC Incentive for AASHTO SPaT Challenge	CHANGE New Project split from 40792A & B	\$61,000	Yes

Net Change \$2,539,384

We concur that these projects changes are eligible for amendment through the Administrative Modification process.

Our TIP Amendment procedures (Section 6.5, MPO <u>Prospectus</u>) 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 September 19th, 2017 and asked to respond with any comment by end of business on September 21st, 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