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December 2, 2015

Mr. William E. Watson, P.E.
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New Hampshire Department of Transportation
1 Hazen Drive
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RE: Rockingham MPO 2015-2018 TIP Administrative Modification Amendments (NHDOT Minor Revisions –November, 2015)

Dear Bill:

We have received the above-referenced requests to amend thirteen (13) 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 October, 2015 which you provided.

November, 2015 request four (4) projects proposed for administrative modification within the region:

| Proj. No./ ID# | Location/ Community | Description | Proposed Change(s) | Approved |
|----------------------|------------------------|--|---|----------|
| 10044K | Plaistow- Kingston | NH 125 Reconstruction East Road, Plaistow northerly approximately 6.0 miles to Main St., Kingston. | \$113,520 each of PE and ROW funding for 2016 removed as unnecessary. Project cost decreased by \$227,040. Funding source change | Yes |
| 10418L | Salem to Manchester | Implement and provide operational support for expanded commuter bus service | Funding source change. Reduced Federal funding and increased "Other" matching funds. No change in cost. | Yes |
| 20226 | Statewide | Evaluate and Optimize timing at 65 signalized intersections to improve traffic flow and reduce delays | Moved from FY15 to FY16. Change in funding label | Yes |
| 25198 | Statewide | To install Road and Weather Systems (RWIS) around the state. | Moved from FY15 to FY16. Change in funding label | Yes |

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 November 17th, 2015 and asked to respond with any comment by close of business on November 19th, 2015. 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

cc: Leigh Levine, FHWA

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