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Interagency Conference @ 1:00 pm
August 11, 2016
Notes

- Participants:

Leigh Levine, FHWA
William Rose, Carol Macuch, NHDOT
Julie Chizmas, NRPC
Dave Walker, RPC
Julie Chen, Adam Hlasny, SNHPC
Colin Lentz, SRPC
Tim Murphy, Raul Gonzalez, SWRPC

- August Minor Revisions:

Minor revisions were read in order of change type. The only change types that prompted comments were those related to the projects that were revised to align better with the state's Ten Year Plan (TYP). Projects in the TIP have undergone over a year of revisions since the draft TYP was published, while the TYP has remained static. NRPC noted two projects in particular, one of which has undergone three revisions since the beginning of the year, with a fourth one proposed in the August Minors that is intended to match the TYP funding set over a year ago, basically nullifying the previous revisions. RPC asked how are the MPOs supposed handle revisions in the upcoming months if the NHDOT's been directed to align projects with the static TYP? NHDOT stated they aren't exactly trying to match the TYP but did go through the lengthy TYP process to identify a proposed plan for delivering projects over the next ten years. NHDOT noted that the lag time between what is done for STIP purposes and when the TYP is adopted. NHDOT has a desire to work with the RPCs to look at the STIP and TYP processes and line them up better so we don't have to go through this 'back in time' exercise in the future. Projects and estimates have changed during the TYP process, so now NHDOT is trying to go back to see how that has affected TYP constraint. RPC said from the MPO perspective, the TIP is the federally required document and the TYP doesn't have an impact so there seems to be diverging interests. NHDOT reiterated their desire in the next UPWP cycle to work on how we can better reflect the importance of the TIP and STIP and how they relate to the TYP process.

RPC requested that the IAC group go back to the previous way of reviewing revisions one at time in order of the report, or to group the projects in the revision reports by change type to match the review process, to make finding the projects in the report easier as they are discussed. SWRPC (?) agreed. NHDOT said they hoped the new method would prompt more conversation but can certainly go back to the previous way of reading off the list of projects in order.

- Other Business

FHWA reminded the group of the upcoming deadlines for comments on the following NPRMs:

- August 20: System Performance/Freight Movement on the Interstate/CMAQ Program Performance Measures
- August 26: MPO Coordination
 - RPC expressed their concern that this NPRM will make our lives more difficult and result in duplication of efforts, noting it's in our best interest to make sure this rule doesn't happen
 - While comments have been submitted requesting an extension to the comment period, FHWA is not anticipating that will happen

An email thread that was shared with the IAC group about the 2017 STIP update was discussed. NHDOT is hoping to have the STIP update sent out a couple of weeks ahead of the September 8th Interagency meeting so it can be discussed at that meeting. They are hoping to have a STIP Workshop in the October/November timeframe and will be looking for a December STIP adoption by the MPOs. RPC noted that may be difficult as their MPO meets in January but will look at their schedule to see if they can meet in December instead (NHDOT would appreciate that). NHDOT hoped to have the STIP update processed earlier but were delayed by the efforts being undertaken to align the TIP and TYP. FHWA commented that the STIP Workshop would be a good venue for collaboratively discussing efforts to align the Plans.

- Next Meeting September 8, 2016

--Notes submitted by Julie Chizmas, NRPC