

*Interagency Conference @ 1:00 p.m.  
July 9, 2015*

**FHWA/FTA and SPR Approval Letters**

FHWA/FTA's SPR Program approval letter was signed June 29, 2015. And the UPWP letter was signed June 30, 2015. The letters were distributed to the Directors and will be sent to everyone on the interagency consultation list.

NH DOT gave a two hour presentation to the directors this morning on the SPR Program approval letter and will share their power point presentation to the interagency consultation group.

FHWA identified reporting requirements, specifically the requirement to submit the report 90 days after the grant ends. These are two-year term projects defined by a June 30, 2017 grant end date. Funds cannot be carried over after the grant end date.

A small workgroup will be working on standardizing performance reporting.

**Air Quality Conformity for Amendment 1**

FHWA and EPA responded back to Nashua on its proposed air quality conformity language on TIP Amendment Number 1, and shared the response with Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission. We are no longer relying on an air quality analysis in the limited maintenance areas (Manchester and Nashua) to determine conformity.

Leigh Levine's email include an attachment "Conformity Language for New Hampshire 04152014.docx" which was prepared by Don Cooke.

While we no longer rely on the air quality analysis however the other provisions of Section 93.109(b) continue to apply including: planning; consultation; funding TCMs; public participation; CO hot spot analysis; project level conformity and fiscal constraint. A positive conformity finding by the MPO should be included in the TIP Amendment package. Two examples one from the file attachment, and one from Donald Cooke's July 1, 2015 email were identified.

The – [transportation plan/transportation improvement program/amendment #] -- meets all applicable conformity requirements under the conformity rule.

The Nashua MPO has determined that STIP Amendment 1 conforms.

While not affecting the outcome, and not asking for modification to existing language, EPA pointed out that a court finding required conformity determinations to the 1997

ozone NAAQS from December 24, 2014 until April 6, 2015 as the air quality classifications to the 1997 ozone NAAQS were left in place during this period. In New Hampshire no actions requiring a transportation conformity determinations were undertaken during this period.

FHWA and EPA will forward copies of their July 1, 2015 email responses to NH DOT as they were inadvertently left off the original distribution.

### **July Minor Revisions**

Wednesday, July 8, 2015 1:42 PM email from Carol Macuch [CMacuch@dot.state.nh.us](mailto:CMacuch@dot.state.nh.us) with attached file: **A7 M 07 15.pdf** (NH DOT Revision Report dated July 7, 2015).

CAA Code “ATT” for projects in the Cities of Manchester and Nashua do not reflect potential transportation conformity issues. Last month EPA recommended a change to reflect that a Limited Maintenance Plan (LMP) is in place for carbon monoxide in Manchester and Nashua. NH DOT is currently making the change to reflect Limited Maintenance Plan status in the Clean Air Act Attainment Code.

Derry / Londonderry 13065 (page 5) -93 EXIT 4A - Construct NEW INTERCHANGE and connecting roadway. FHWA pointed out that the “all project cost” is significantly higher than reflected on the Approved Dollars or Proposed Dollars write-up. NH DOT will evaluate and correct “all project cost”.

Wilton - Milford - Amherst - Bedford 13692 (page 13) PE and ROW for corridor improvements from NH 31 in Wilton to Wallace Rd in Bedford. NH DOT will provide additional information to the involved MPOs regarding the scope of this project. It was noted that current scope does not mention Route 101.

### **Other**

None

**Next Meeting Thursday, August 13, 2015**