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RE: Rockingham MPO 2015-2018 TIP Administrative Modification Amendments (NHDOT Minor Revisions –April, 2016)

Dear Bill:

We have received the above-referenced requests to amend eighteen (18) 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 April, 2016 which you provided.

April, 2016 request eighteen (18) projects proposed for administrative modification within the region:

Project Number	Location	Project Scope	Proposed Project Changes	Project Cost Change	Approved
40792	Statewide	2016 STIC Incentive for 1) Mobile Devices and 2) Design-Build documentation	Increased PE by $7,500	$ 7,500	Yes
40284	Statewide	Commuter/Intercity Bus Replacement: Replacement of existing state-owned coaches used for commuter and intercity bus.	Decreased by $300,000 in 2016, $247,000 in 2017, and $724,000 in 2018 to remove indirect charges which should not have been included in cost	$ (1,271,896)	Yes
29608	Epping	NH 125 Improvements from NH 27 to NH 87 - 1.7 miles	PE Decreased by $5,280. $397,320 moved from 2016 to 2017. ROW moved from 2016 to 2017. $2724 added for inflation	$ (2,556)	Yes
FLAP	FLAP	Improving transportation facilities that access Federal Lands within NH {FLAP}	Increased funding	$ 275,000	Yes
FTA5339	FTA 5339	FTA 5339 Program (Capital bus and bus facilities) for statewide public transportation	Decreased funding for FY 2016, 2017, and 2018 to remove inflation	$ (539,934)	Yes

16127	New Castle - Rye	Bridge replace, Single Leaf Bascule Bridge, NH 1B over Little Harbor (Red List) Br No 066/071	FY16 funds moved to 17-22k	$ 704	Yes
20258	Portsmouth	Const. new sidewalk and striped bicycle shoulders and associated drainage along Peverly Hill Road.	Decreased PE, ROW, and CON costs	$ (44,948)	Yes
29640	Portsmouth	US 1 Improvements (1 mi.) from Constitution Dr to Wilson Rd and from Ocean Rd to White Cedar Dr	PE Shifted from 2016 to 2017 and increased by $17,133. ROW moved from 2016 to 2018 and decreased by $27,472.	$ (10,338)	Yes
29781	Portsmouth	Upgrade 5 existing traffic controllers and interconnects on Woodbury Ave. Market St. and Granite St	CON shifted from 2016 to 2017	$ -	Yes
15731	Portsmouth, NH - Kittery, ME	Bridge Replacement, US 1 Bypass over Piscataqua River (Sarah Mildred Long Bridge) (Red List)	ROW shifted from 2015 to 2016. Some PE moved from 2015 to 2016. No change in cost	$ -	Yes
10418W	Salem to Manchester	Chloride Reduction Efforts	Funds moved from FY16 to FY17	$ 33,024	Yes
14633P	Salem to Manchester	CTAP Phase 3; to fund eligible TOD and TDM planning projects within the CTAP RPC Regions.	Shift 2016 funds to 2017 + inflation	$ 137,256	Yes
14800E	Salem to Manchester	I-93 Exit 2 Interchange reconstruction & Pelham Rd - debt service project for 13933E (Salem)	2016 Replace State funds with Federal funds	$ -	Yes
FBRPI	Statewide	Bridge Rehabilitation, Painting, Preservation & Improvement Projects (Federal Program)	Decreased PE by 350,000. Increased CON by $350,000	$ -	Yes
PRRCS	Statewide	Pavement Resurfacing, Rehabilitation & Crackseal Program & Related Work (Annual Fed Res Prog)	Decrease 2017 CON funding by $475,000. Increase 2016 PE funds by $475,000. Shift $75,000 in state funds to federal	$ -	Yes
TA	Statewide	Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	CON Funding decreased by $867,100 for FY16	$ (867,100)	Yes
68069B	Statewide	Trapeze Software Group: Statewide rideshare database utilizing Trapeze Ridepro software	Removed Inflation	$ (4,222)	Yes
USSS	USSS	Project to update signing on state system	2016 CON & PE moved to 2017	$ -	Yes
			Net Change	$ (2,287,504)	

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 April 27th, 2016 and asked to respond with any comment by close of business on April 29th, 2016. As of that date I received no requests from MPO members that the changes be handled as a full amendment. That being said,

several MPO Commissioners raised questions regarding the changes to the FTA 5339 Program and the Commuter/Intercity Bus Replacement Project (#40284), and voiced concerns that these changes would have impacts on transit agencies in the region and state. With assistance of NHDOT staff, the changes were identified as being the result of removing inflation and indirect charges from the two projects. As these two projects should not have included inflation and indirect charges to begin with, there is no substantial change to the amount of funding available to complete the purpose of the projects.

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,

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Executive Director

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