

Notes from Interagency Meeting – 11/10/22

Present:

William Rose (NHDOT)	Sean Chamberlin (LRPC)
Kim Rummo (NHDOT)	Colin Lentz (SRPC)
Fred Butler (NHDOT)	Nick Altonaga (NCC)
Glenn Davison (NHDOT)	Matt Waitkins (NRPC)
Linda Wescott (NHDOT)	Dave Walker (RPC)
Tim White (NHDES)	Leigh Levine (FHWA NH Division)
Ricky DiCillo (NHDES)	Leah Sirmin (FTA Region 1)
Nate Miller (SNHPC)	Ari Ofsevit (FTA Region 1)
Carl Eppich (SNHPC)	
Andrea Cass (UVLSRPC)	

Roll Call

- William Rose conducted a roll call of attending members.

November Minor Revisions

- There were no questions or comments on the proposed November minor revisions.

STIP Update Calendar Schedule

- William Rose shared the TIP Update calendar schedule with dates for the RPCs adoption. The schedule is expected to be distributed to interagency members next week.
- Nate Miller explained that SNHPC's schedule is challenging, but that he is currently working with the Department on creative thinking to meet the schedule.
- David Walker expressed that RPC is stretched thin with everything required this winter and that the STIP schedule puts a lot on its plate. He felt that the RPCs are often pressed by the DOT for their timelines and workload.
- Glenn Davidson expressed that the schedule is aggressive, however it is this way related to the Amendment #2 timeline and schedule.
- Leigh Levine explained that the FHWA has some flexibility in STIP updates public comment periods. FHWA can more easily expedite the process for the Amendment process.
- Colin Lentz asked if DOT would know in advance which projects will be in the Amendment. William Rose said no, because one process must be completed before another is started (STIP procedures and data management).

Agency Updates

- Leah FTA USDOT – Justice40 US DOT is having a webinar week from today with Secretary Buttigieg. A new guide and tool is out and here: <https://www.transportation.gov/equity-Justice40>

- Tim White DES – The DES has initiated a 3rd round solicitation for Clean Diesel. The DES approved about 10 proposals in round 2. Proposals for Round 3 are due Jan 1. All info is available on the DES website or contact Ricky. <https://www.des.nh.gov/business-and-community/loans-and-grants/dera>
- Tim White – first contract for DC Fast Charger grants (DCFC) were approved by Governor and Council for one to be located at the general store in Errol, NH. More approved locations and grants are anticipated before the end of the year. This is Tim's Last Interagency Meeting and he stated that he has enjoyed working with the group and all the RPCs and partners over the years.
- Tim White reported that contracts resulting from the most recent State Clean Diesel Program solicitation will be going to the Governor and Council in the coming months.
- Leigh Levine reminded everyone that he emailed out some info went out for their December 6th webinar. See the Public Involvement Virtual seminar email from Leigh or https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/everydaycounts/edc_6/virtual_public_involvement.cfm
- Leigh also sent out via email information about the new HSIP Vulnerable Road User assessment requirement. https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/2022-10/VRU%20Safety%20Assessment%20Guidance%20FINAL_508.pdf
- Leigh mentioned that at the November Planning For Performance NH (PFPNH) meeting last week, he had sent out some NH specific Planning Emphasis Areas (went to EDs of RPCs). This is guidance for 2024-25 UPWPs and STR programs and link to National Emphasis areas.
- Leigh reminded attendees that the Annual List of Obligated Project, MPOs have posted by the end of December.
- A consolidated Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program (Mega), Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects (INFRA), and Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (Rural) has been released. The application deadline is May 23, 2022.
- Leigh Levine reported that U.S. DOT has released a calendar that lists all of the anticipated 2022 NOFOs. He noted that he has distributed this information to interagency members by e-mail.

Other Business

- None

The next Interagency Consultation conference call will be held on December, 2022 at 1:00 PM.