

Interagency Meeting
October 14th 2021

Attendees:

William Rose (NHDOT)
Kim Rummo (NHDOT)
Linda Dusenberry (NHDOT)
Colin Lentz (Strafford RPC)
Gregg Lantos (Nashua RPC)
Susan Slack (Lakes RPC)
Leigh Levine (FHWA)
David Walker (Rockingham RPC)
Matt Waitkins (Nashua RPC)
Tim White (NHDES)
Nate Miller (Southern RPC)
Richard DiCillo (NHDES)
Fred Butler (NHDOT-transit)
Eric Rackauskas (EPA)
Dean Williams (Central RPC)
JB Mack (Southwest RPC)
Pat Crocker (Upper Valley RPC)

October Minor Revision

W. Rose noted that Leah Sirmin expressed concerns that the CMAQ-FTA programmatic was not transferring CMAQ funds to FTA but actually STBG funds. Leah was not present to discuss. NHDOT suggested postponing the proposed change to the CMAQ-FTA programmatic so Leah/FTA could discuss concerns with interagency partners.

F. Butler explained that the proposal is to shift 2021 funds to 2022 but there will still be funds in both years so transit providers will still have access to funds for operations support if this minor gets pushed out a month. Funding will be critical in a few months but okay to postpone for now.

W. Rose said this proposal will likely get added to amendment 3 so the scope can accurately describe sources of funding.

Amendment 2 status

W. Rose said NHDOT is extending the public comment period by a week or two to allow for southern MPO public comment period to complete. NHDOT expects to submit Amendment 2 to FHWA/FTA for review by the beginning of November (the NHDOT comment period ends Oct 27th)

Amendment 3 schedule discussion

W. Rose said the proposed schedule for MPO and NHDOT approvals is longer than usual to accommodate holiday season. NHDOT plans to release the draft amendment on November 19th in time for Dec 9th interagency meeting.

Annual Listing of Obligated Projects Schedule

W. Rose noted that the annual listing report is required for reporting by MPOs and NHDOT to FHWA. NHDOT expects to release data to MPOs before thanksgiving.

Update to STIP revision procedures

W. Rose said NHDOT is soliciting comments on proposed updates to the STIP revision procedures.
D. Walker suggested looking at updating funding thresholds to reduce the number of revisions requiring a minor? Dave volunteered to work with NHDOT on proposed updates.

Agency Updates

W. Rose: post construction authorization (“advanced construction”) report was provided as an FYI (not required for interagency).

T. White: NHDES released RFP for Volkswagen DC fast charging sites on Sept 17th. Refer to NHDES website for more information, including comments/questions received. NHDES is planning next round of state clean diesel funding (probably opening in November).

E. Rackauskas: EPA received conformity SIP revision from NHDES. Primarily updating references and data. Not expecting impacts to interagency.

F. Butler: NHDOT recently sent out statewide TAM targets as part of MPO target setting process.

L. Levine: noted a good meeting about EV charging held with RPC and agency partners that morning. FHWA appreciated inclusion of the post construction report from NHDOT. L. Levine recently finished MPO freight assessments and will be compiling a report. The FAST Act was extended till end of October.

Other Business

None discussed.