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Interagency Conference

Remote via MS-Teams

NHDOT | 7 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

November 10, 2021 at 1:00 pm

Notes

- Roll Call of Attending Members

Katie Lamb – NCC (her last mtg.), Jessica Bighinatti – LRPC, J.B. Mack – SWRPC, Dean Williams – CNHRPC, Colin Lentz – SRPC, Nate Miller and Carl Eppich – SNHPC, Gregg Lantos and Matt Waitkins – NRPC, Tim White – NHDES, Eric Rackauskas – EPA, Kim Rummo – NHDOT, Fred Butler – NHDOT, William Rose – NHDOT, Leigh Levine - FHWA

- November Minor Revision

William Rose – Q's and A's sent out recently, any further questions, comments on the Minor Revision? Colin Lentz – Has the updated docket been incorporated or is it still pending? William – It may be, if not we will get it out.

- Amendment 2 status

Leigh Levine – FHWA hoping to get an approval action/letter out by end of this week or early next week.

Reminder from Leigh that this is a single-mode (FHWA only) Amendment not requiring a conformity determination per previous interagency discussion and concurrence, so conformity documentation that was submitted by some parties was not required.

Leigh also reminded all that 3 of 4 MPOs are still subject to conformity determination requirements for the 1997 Ozone Orphan Area per the Southcoast AQMD vs EPA litigation and settlement – no conformity analyses required, but as needed some TIP Amendments will still require a conformity determination for this if non-exempt project modifications in the 1997 Ozone Orphan Area Area warrant it via interagency consultation. CO conformity

determinations or analyses are not required anymore for expired City of Manchester and City of Nashua CO Limited Maintenance Plan Areas.

Gregg Lantos – can MPOs just provide a link to the previous conformity determination documentation for future Amendments requiring a conformity determination for the 1997 Ozone Orphan Areas? Leigh – MPOs should include documentation with each Amendment, consistent with template that was shared. These conformity determinations need to address financial constraint, latest planning assumptions, etc.

- Update to revision procedures

William Rose - Discussion of potential updates to current STIP Revision Procedures will be tabled until next month's interagency meeting. Please be prepared, bring your ideas.

- Agency Updates

Tim White – NHDES Clean Diesel program RFP was released November 1st and is posted to the NHDES website with more information. Approximately \$800,000 is available for diesel emission reduction activities such as vehicle replacements and idle reduction projects. Applications are due December 17, 2021, at 4:00 PM.

Also, the RFP for EV charging infrastructure improvements has been released on September 17th with the proposal due date now extended to January 28th. The goal of this \$3 million program and RFP is to support the installation of Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) and co-located Level 2 electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) on key travel corridors in New Hampshire. The objective is to receive qualified proposals for the installation, operation, and maintenance of EVSE along specified corridors.

Leigh Levine – reminder of USDOT's Justice40 Initiative – 40% of overall benefits of federal investments to disadvantaged communities. Leigh e-mailed information on October 26th for virtual public meetings occurring on November 9th and 16th at 12pm.

Leigh reminded all that he e-mailed information on Performance Period 2 CMAQ Performance Measure Applicability Tables that were recently released by FHWA to partners on October 21st and corrected message on October 22nd. Leigh encouraged NHDOT and MPOs to review.

Leigh provided some other reminders/updates from FHWA via review of his November 2nd e-mail message titled "FHWA Planning Updates for November 2021".

- Other Business

Fred Butler asked FHWA/FTA agencies about potential impact/implications of Census 2020 Urban/Urbanized Area designations, etc. Leigh – yes, believe the UZA designations should be coming out sometime in Spring or Summer of next calendar year, and federal agencies will be working with partners to discuss implications, and Leigh also reminded all of work

that will need to be done regarding UZA boundary smoothing and functional reclassification.

William reminded all that the next monthly meeting is scheduled for December 9th, 2021, and that NHDOT is on schedule for STIP Amendment 3.

Respectfully submitted – Leigh Levine