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Interagency Conference

Remote via MS-Teams

NHDOT | 7 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

September 9, 2021 at 1:00 pm

Introduction and Roll Call by William Rose

Present:

- ✓ NHDOT: William Rose, Lucy St. John, Linda Dusenberry, Kim Rummo, Bill Watson and Fred Butler.
- ✓ State and Federal Agencies: NHDES- Richard DiCillo; EPA, Region 1- Eric Rackauskas; Federal Transit Administration (FTA, Region 1) - Leah Sirmin; & Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)- Leigh Levine.
- ✓ Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs)- Nate Miller (SNHPC), Carl Eppich (SNHPC), Colin Lentz (SRPC), Dean Williams (CNHRPC), Matt Waitkins (NRPC), Dave Walker (RPC), J.B. Mack (SWRPC), Jessica Bigninatti (LRPC) and Pat Crocker (UVLSRPC).

August Minor Revision

William Rose noted one late item, question from Carl Eppich asked about # 42705. Linda Dusenberry provided a brief summary of # 42705. She explained that the Fast Act requires State Rail Crossing Action Plan, \$ 250,000 (other funding) to develop the plan.

Amendment 2

- William Rose noted we received a late comment about an error in the financial constraint report. The report was corrected and sent out prior to the meeting. No comments.
- Leigh Levine there aren't a lot of project modifications or trigger to conformity modifications. William Rose explained that the changes were to preexisting project, or project which required amendments. He then asked DES and EPA if they had any concerns. He noted that he has communicated with Tim White prior to the meeting, no issues.
- Eric (EPA) noted no issues and concurred out if DES is ok, he is ok as well.
- Leigh Levine noted no scope changes, good to go.
- Nate Miller noted that his comments would be related to conformity, but this has been addressed per Leigh's comment. Nate Miller noted he had conducted the conformity analysis for Amendment I, but nothing was needed for Amendment 2.
- Leigh Levine noted that NRPC and SNHPC are off the hook for CO conformity for now.

Discussion on the RPCs public hearing schedule for Amendment 2. Discussion if the 30- day or 10- day time period. After conferring with the handouts, noted 10- day public hearing period.

- SNHPC- Sept 23
- SRPC- Oct 15
- RPC- no hearing required, no projects
- NRPC- comment period Sept 10-Sept 21, Public Hearing Sept 22 at 7: 00 pm.

Agency Updates

DES, Richard Dicillo: More information on the Sate Clean Diesel Grant in Oct/Nov.

EPA, Eric Rackauskas: No updates

FTA, Leah Sirmin:

- ✓ FTA NOFO for American Rescue Plan (ARP) – competitive round for 5307 and 5311, deadline Nov 8th.
- ✓ Webinar at 2 pm on BMP for Climate Action Plans

FHWA, Leigh Levine:

- ✓ Referred to email of Aug 26- Air Quality – STIP/MTP update/conformity
- ✓ Referred to email of Aug 30th- Federal Register regarding Primary Highway Freight Network (PHFN), comments due Oct 25.
- ✓ MPO Freight Assessments- will send out doddle poll. No questions will be provided in advance. Purpose to learn about the “State of Practice” - to identify the need for information, guidance, technical assistance and training to address freight planning initiatives.

NHDOT, William Rose/Bill Watson

- ✓ Last update of STIP revision procedures 2 years ago. In the next 6-12 months will be discussing potential updates at the Interagency meetings. Invitation to the Interagency partners to offer any comments for the upcoming discussions.
- ✓ Question from Nate on release of draft Ten Year Plan (TYP). Bill Watson noted by next Friday, Sept 17th.
- ✓ Bill Watson noted finalizing the GACIT public hearing schedule tomorrow. Just heard back from Councilor Kenney regarding some changes. Stay tuned.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:21