

January 2021 Interagency notes

Katie Lamb – North Country Council
Dean Williams – Central RPC
David Walker – Rockingham RPC
Matt Waitkins & Gregg Lantos – Nashua RPC
Bill Watson, William Rose, Linda Dusenberry, Fred Butler, and Glenn - NHDOT
Pat Crocker – Upper Valley RPC
Susan Slack – Lakes RPC
JB Mack – Southwest RPC
Nate Miller & Carl Eppich – Southern RPC
Tim White - NHDES
Leah Sirmin – FTA
Leigh Levine FHWA
Eric Rackauskas - EPA

Minors

- Linda noted some last minutes changes to minors
- The STIC programmatic was added because of late addition of allocated funds
- Katie Nelson noted that for the bridge project in Sugar Hill, their TAC may opt to not use fed funds for bridge replacement

21-24 STIP Update

- David Walker asked about several regional projects that were in the current STIP but did not appear in the draft STIP update.
 - Linda: Some projects had been shifted to programmatic. Linda will look up details and follow up.
- Gregg Lantos had questions on a Nashua Transit project. NHDOT: it will be included in a minor prior to STIP update
- Leah Sirmin – please clarify what the CMAQ-to-FTA program is.
 - Bill Watson – transfer is for transit projects that are still in development. NHDOT Commissioner, NH Legislators, and NHDOT Rail & Transit are in the process of developing those projects. Still need to find out what flexibility (do CMAQ requirements remain after transfer?)
 - What role transit providers play – none, it's a legislative effort. Providers gave input on 4 general areas for potential investment
- Project CAA codes
 - Linda referenced recommendations for updates to CAA codes on various projects sent in a January 13th email
 - Dave – what is E-O. Linda “activities that do not lead to construction (e.g. debt service)
 - Nate 14800-A: why would this change to E-O?
 - Linda: FLAP and Env-POST stay as “ALL”
 - William will send CAA code proposal list back at for detailed review by interagency partners (especially agencies) and asked for input before the Feb IA meeting
- STIP approval timetable
 - Rockingham RPC – public hearing on March 10th
 - Southern RPC – Public hearing likely on February 23rd

- Nashua RPC- Public hearing likely on March 17th
- Strafford RPC public hearing on March 19th
- NHDOT, this makes the timeframe very tight for getting an amendment developed and approved within the fiscal year
 - FHWA is open to an abbreviated public comment period for amendment 1

Other Business

- NHDOT is going to retire the current conference call line for interagency meetings and switch to teams
- NHDOT is committed to getting interagency materials out 3 weeks ahead of the meeting. Please send comments back to NHDOT a week ahead of the meeting so they can respond.

Agency Updates

- NHDES – recently completed a solicitation for the state clean diesel program. The received 17 applications – best in 4 years. The deadline for the current solicitation is January 19th
- FHWA – no details on stimulus. Some indication about relief packages related to revenue shortfalls. Will send details as they come in.
- Fred Butler– reminded RPCs that FTA5305 planning solicitation is open for proposals
- Linda Dusenberry – will send out updated STIP update based on recent comments and questions