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His Excellency John H. Lynch
Governor of New Hampshire
State House
107 North Main Street
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Dear Governor Lynch:

Pursuant to RSA 228:99 and RSA 240 of the Laws of New Hampshire, enclosed are two copies of the draft 2013-2022 Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the State of New Hampshire.

On July 14, 2011, the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) met with the NH Department of Transportation to review the Ten Year Plan's funding status and discuss strategies for moving forward with the Draft update. There are several funding challenges that directly impact the Ten Year Plan including the continued reliance on turnpike toll credits in lieu of State hard match to the Federal program, the direct budgeting of State soft match to support operating costs, and most significantly, the potential reduction of Federal Funds by as much as 33%, from \$150 million/year to \$100 million/year. The Draft Ten Year Plan was developed predicated on the above funding challenges and the lower, \$100 million/year funding level. The results are significant changes to the Plan in order to financially constrain to the anticipated revenues. The financially constrained update focuses on the priorities of fixing and maintaining the existing system through the continued emphasis on preservation, and the repair of red list bridges. The implications are that a number of other projects become delayed or deferred, including the reconstruction and widening of I-93.

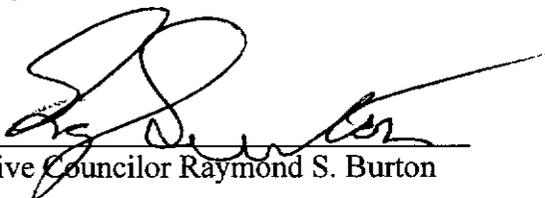
The draft update of the Ten Year Plan based on the reduced federal funding levels was provided to GACIT on September 2, 2011. The Commission held twenty-seven Public Hearings throughout the State between September and October to inform the public and receive input and comments on the draft Plan and the transportation funding issues the State is facing (Public Hearing minutes attached).

On November 15, 2011 and again on November 30, 2011 the Commission held public meetings to discuss the public input received and the appropriate approach to the Plan. Following consideration of the public input received, the Commission is recommending a draft Ten Year Plan that reflects the potential reduction in federal funds, is reasonably financially constrained to that funding level, and includes some of the most pressing needs identified through the GACIT Public Hearings. Minutes of these final meetings and subsequent project deliberations are included, along with copies of GACIT's recommended draft Ten Year Plan. Also included is a prioritized list of deferred projects – projects

that are included in the existing 2011-2020 Ten Year Plan, but are not included in this recommended 2013-2022 update due to funding constraints. These are intended to be projects for consideration by yourself or the Legislative should the federal funding outlook change for the better in the ensuing months. Lastly, a list of other unfunded priority projects identified through the GACIT process is included for your information. It is GACIT's intent for these lists to be included in the Ten Year Plan as an appendix for future consideration.

We believe this completes the Commission's work on this step in the update for the State's Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan. The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) hereby presents this recommended update to the Ten Year Plan for 2013-2022. As you are preparing your legislative package, we are available for any input you feel is needed, and we stand ready to assist you in supporting the Plan.

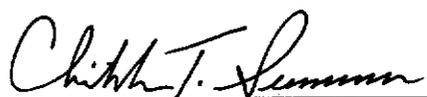
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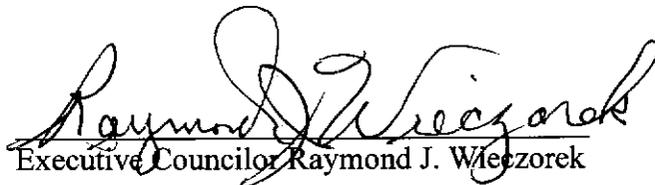
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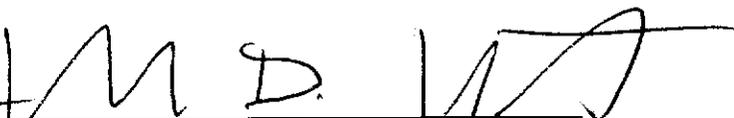
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