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December 22, 2021

His Excellency, Christopher T. Sununu
Governor of New Hampshire
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Sununu:

Pursuant to RSA 228:99 and RSA 240 of the Laws of New Hampshire, enclosed are two copies of the draft 2023-2032 Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan (Ten Year Plan) for the State of New Hampshire. The Department and the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) appreciate the additional time afforded to work on this Ten Year Plan given the recent passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) by Congress.

The Department met with the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) on July 16, 2021 and September 1, 2021 to begin the development of the 2023-2032 Ten Year Plan and to receive strategic direction on a number of policy issues regarding funding, prioritization of investments, financial constraint and unfunded needs. Based on discussions with and direction received from GACIT over multiple meetings, the DOT developed the Draft Ten Year Plan. It addressed financial constraint assuming levels project in the base IIJA legislation and continues reliance on turnpike toll credits in lieu of State hard match to the federal highway program. The draft plan addressed the highest priorities developed by each Regional Planning Commission and new TAP projects as part of the recent application process. The result was a financially constrained document identifying the needs that best aligned with the priorities of communities, Regional Planning Commissions and the DOT.

The DOT prepared and distributed a financially constrained Draft Ten Year Plan for 2023-2032 GACIT members prior to the first public hearing on September 21, 2021. Proposed strategies for the Draft Ten Year Plan included a focus on maintenance and preservation of the existing road and bridge network, continue to invest in core system programs, focus on Regional Planning Commission priorities, and then increase and advance investment in existing projects and programs with the additional revenue to be received from the IIJA.

GACIT held twenty (21) in person public hearings and one all virtual hearing throughout the state in September and October, with the final hearing held on November 4, 2021. Written comments were accepted through November 8, 2021. In addition, an online transportation survey was made available to anyone with access to the internet, and the survey was also open for input until November 8, 2021.

Over 400 comments were expressed through the Hearing process: the need to expand travel options (transit, bicycle, pedestrian and other non-vehicle efforts) was heard the most, and the need to address infrastructure condition including safety, pavements, bridge and congestion were important themes. Among those comments was a requested review of underfunded transit needs and a comprehensive assessment of condition, challenges, demand and future investment potential. Also, many attending the public hearings advocated for advancing projects or increasing project funding. The purpose of the on-line survey was to gather public feedback on ten-year plan strategies. Over 750 surveys were completed. The themes were very similar to the in-person comments. That is, the most spoken comments were the need to expand travel options, followed by improving safety, maintaining the existing system, then reducing congestion and addressing resiliency.

On November 10, 2021, NHDOT met with GACIT to present a summary of the online survey findings, to present specific requests heard at the GACIT Hearings and the DOT's recommendations on how best to address those requests, and strategies to incorporate additional federal funding in the just passed IJA.

The DOT then met with each of the GACIT members individually to review their comments and for the Councilors to provide direction to the DOT on final changes to be made to the draft 2023-2032 Ten Year Plan.

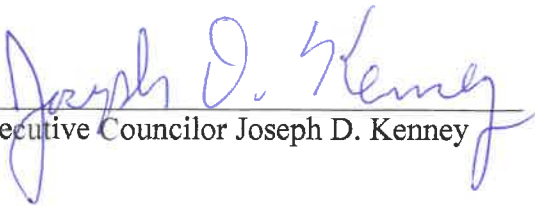
On December 8, 2021, NHDOT met with GACIT again. The Department presented recommendations for consideration and vote by GACIT. Recommendations included administrative adjustments to existing projects, proposed state-aid municipal bridge projects to be accelerated, scope modifications based on public comments and requests, new projects to be added, and the potential advancement of 29 municipal bridges to take advantage of additional funding available through IJA.

The modified plan includes \$242M in additional new federal funds for bridges (\$225M total/\$45M per year) and electric vehicle charging (\$17M) as part of the IJA. Fifteen percent (\$6.75M annually) of the bridge funds will be allocated to the municipal bridge program, and remainder to existing bridge projects to free up funds that have greater spending flexibility.


In addition to the above noted changes, GACIT unanimously voted to remove Statewide 40915 (Exit Sign renumbering project) from the Draft Ten Year Plan.

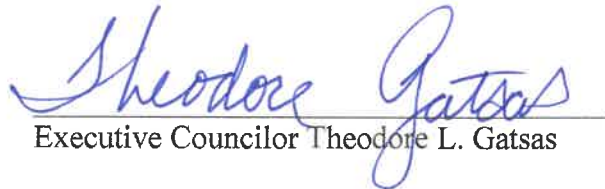
We believe this completes the Commission's work. The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) hereby presents this recommended update to the Ten Year Plan for 2023-2032. A summary of the changes to the September 17th version of the Draft Ten Year Plan is attached to this letter for your reference. As you review the Plan document and other supporting information, we are available for any input you feel is needed, and we stand ready to assist you in completing the next step in the Plan.

Sincerely,



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Executive Councilor Cinda Warmington


Executive Councilor Janet Stevens


Executive Councilor Theodore L. Gatsas


Executive Councilor David K. Wheeler


Commissioner Victoria F. Sheehan

Enclosures

1. GACIT Adopted 2023-2032 Ten Year Plan
2. Summary list of changes to September 17th Draft Ten Year Plan
3. Summary of GACIT process & testimony

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**2023 - 2032 Draft Ten Year Plan
Project Modifications
Recommendations for GACIT**

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PROJECT NAME	PROJECT NUMBER	REQUEST	FUNDING ADJUSTMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES			
CONWAY	40638	Add project Conway 40638 (Intersection improvements to NH 16 including intersections of NH 16/NH 153 and NH 16/NH 113) to Draft TYP to reflect change in advertisement date from 2022 to 2023 (LPA)	\$2.67M
KEENE	41590	Administrative correction - RPC Allocation (FY29)	\$728k
LEBANON	40794	Add project Lebanon 40794 (US 4, Mechanics Street) to Draft TYP to reflect change in advertisement date from 2022 to 2023 (LPA)	\$2.49M
MERRIMACK	43759	Add project Merrimack (Exit 10 Toll Plaza Removal). Funds moved from FY22 to FY23 to align with advertisement date (TPK Funding)	\$780K
NASHUA	16314	Add project 16314 (Intersection improvements at East Hollis St and Bridge St) to Draft TYP to reflect change in advertisement date from 2022 to 2024 (LPA)	\$2.78M
ORFORD	40366	Add project 40366 (Bridge Replacement is anticipated for the bridge carrying NH Route 25A over Brackett Brook) to Draft TYP to reflect change in advertisement date from 2021 to 2025	\$1.28M
SUGAR HILL	24218	Add project 24218 (Bridge Regalement - Crane Hill Rd bridge over Gale River) to Draft TYP to reflect change in advertisement date from 2022 to 2023 (LPA)	\$2.0M
FEDERAL MANDATED PROGRAMS	VARIOUS	Increase Federal Mandated programs (CMAQ, HSIP, TAP, Rec Trails, etc.) to align with IJJA apportionment.	\$7.3M/Year (Average) \$73M Draft TYP

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ADMINISTRATIVE			
STATE PROJECTS - BRIDGES ACCELERATIONS			
ALTON	43439	Advance Alton 43439 (NH 11 over Back Bay Lake) by two years (FY32 to FY30)	No Net Change
BRISTOL	43429	Advance Bristol 43429 (NH3A over Newfound River - 2 bridges) by two years (FY31 to FY29)	No Net Change
CONCORD	43428	Advance Concord 43428 (I-89 over Turkey Pond - 2 bridges) by two years (FY31 to FY29)	No Net Change
DOVER, NH - SOUTH BERWICK, ME	41433	Advance Dover, NH - South Berwick, ME, ME 41433 DOVER -SOUTH BERWICK) by two years (FY28 to FY26)	No Net Change
EPPING	43430	Advance Epping 43430 (NH 125 over Piscassic River) by two years (FY31 to FY29)	No Net Change
HILLSBOROUGH	43436	Advance Hillsborough 43436 (NH 149 over Contoocook River) by two years (FY32 to FY30)	No Net Change
LEBANON	43437	Advance Lebanon 43437 (I-89, NH 10 SB over Mascoma River - 2 bridges) by two years (FY32 to FY30)	No Net Change
NEWMARKET	43435	Advance Newmarket 43435 (NH 108 over Lamprey River) by two years (FY32 to FY30)	No Net Change
WOODSTOCK	43438	Advance Woodstock 43438 (NH 112 over Pemigewasset River) by two years (F32 to FY30)	No Net Change

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RECOMMENDATIONS			
SCOPE & COST ADJUSTMENTS			
CONCORD	41212	Anticipate significant increase in cost (Bridge Rehabilitation-NH Route 9 (Loudon Rd) over Merrimack River Br. (SAB+MOBRR funded) Red List	\$ 14M Increase \$22M Project Total
DOVER-SOMERSWORTH-ROCHESTER	29604	Anticipate significant increase in cost (To improve traffic operations and safety along NH Rte 108 corridor consistent with U-3 alternative from former Exit 10 Study)	\$15M Increase \$32M Project Cost
DOVER-SOMERSWORTH-ROCHESTER	40599	Modify scope to complete Feasibility study update and investigate regional connection improvements in Tri-City Area (Spaulding TPK Exit 10) Replace \$1M TPK funds to federal (\$1M Federal & \$1M Tpk)	No Net Change
DUMMER-CAMBRIDGE-ERROL	16304C	Reconstruction of RT 16 Cambridge	\$10M Increase \$10M Project Total
HAMPTON-PORTSMOUTH	26485	Add project 26485 (Hampton Branch Rail Corridor) to Draft TYP to reflect change in advertisement date from 2022 to 2023 - Anticipate significant increase in cost	\$5M Increase \$12.5M Project Total
JAFFREY	42512	Advance Jaffery 42512 (Construct and reconstruct sidewalks, crosswalks and bike lanes on Stratton Rd. and Peterborough St) from FY26 to FY24	No Net Change
JEFFERSON-RANDOLPH (Phase II)	13602C	Increase funds to 13602 (Improvements from NH115 to Jefferson/Randolph Townline) for improvements to US2 (FY27)	Increase \$10M
LACONIA	24181	Change scope from bridge removal to bridge rehabilitation - Centenary Bridge (LPA - Transfer Ownership to Laconia)	\$1M Increase \$1.5M Project Total
MANCHESTER	24212	Advance Manchester 24212 (Amoskeg East Bnd - SALMON ST OVER RD,RR,& RIVER) by two years FY26 to FY 24 - Anticipate increase in cost \$2.5M	\$2.5M Increase \$12.5M Project Total
MILFORD	42883	Remove Milford 42883 (CMAQ - Construct a 5' sidewalk and bicycle lane off of Osgood Road and Armory Road) Town can't fund the match. - \$801,508 goes back to the CMAQ Program (LPA)	No Net Change
MILFORD	42887	Remove Milford 42887 (CMAQ -Construct sidewalks along Nashua Street) Town can't fund the match. \$815,555 goes back to the CMAQ program (LPA)	No Net Change
PORTSMOUTH	43760	Move funding from FY26/FY27 to FY23/FY24 to coincide with project 16189B (ITS Improvements to I-95 from Portsmouth, NH to York, ME - Shoulder running project) - Change construction funding from TPK to Fed Aid with TTC match	No Net Change -\$10M TPK \$10M Fed-Aid

ROCHESTER (Replacement Project)	43840	Replacement project for Rochester 40647 (NH 125 and Lowell St) with a new project for the for signalization of Nashoba/NH11 Intersection to address regional priority needs (PE 2023, ROW 2025, CON 2027) - (LPA)	No Net Change
ROCHESTER	43552	Advance Construction phase project 43552 (NH 11 Widening) from FY31 to FY28	No Net Change
STATEWIDE	40915	Remove Statewide 40915 (Exit Sign Renumbering Tier 1 Highways)	-\$1M Project Total
WALPOLE, NH - ROCKINGHAM, VT	41720	Increase NH participation from 50% to 93% for Vilas Bridge - 7% Other	\$9M increase \$18M Project Total
WEBSTER	40810	Adjust scope to include widened area for fishing access (Clothespin Bridge) SAB project	No Net Change
WILTON-AMHERST- MILFORD-BEDFORD	13692D	Increase funds for Wilton-Amherst-Milford-Bedford 13692D – NH101 corridor improvements	\$7M Increase \$12.2M Project Total
IIJA - BRIDGE FUNDS	VARIOUS	Add \$38.25M Revenue for state bridges (85% of \$45M) FY23 - FY27	\$38.25M/Year \$191.25M Project Total
IIJA - MUNICIPAL BRIDGE FUNDS	MOBRR	Add \$6.75M Revenue for Municipal bridges (15% of \$45M) FY23 - FY27	\$6.75M/Year \$33.75 Project Total
CRDR	CRDR	Increase funding for Culvert Rehabilitation/Replacement & Drainage Repairs to include resiliency	\$2M/Year Increase \$4.9M/year average \$48.7M Draft TYP

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NEW PROJECTS			
GORHAM	43842 (New)	US 2 - 3200 LF sidewalk, pedestrian crossing, and bicycle facilities (LPA)	\$1.0M Project Total
GREENLAND	43849 (New)	Add Project <New> (NH33 bridge over Winnicut River) Engineering assessment to improve resiliency and capacity - Federal Aid (David Scott)	\$125K Project Total
LACONIA	43835 (New)	US3 (Weirs Blvd) Bridge over langley Brook (LPA)	\$3.8M Project Total
LITTLETON	43844 (New)	Main St (302) - Pedestrian Improvements (LPA)	\$5.5M Project Total
MANCHESTER	43850 (New)	Eddy Road/Exit 6 SB on-ramp intersection safety improvements (Fed-Aid)	\$2.5M Project Total
MILTON	43846 (New)	Dawson & Silver St sidewalk expansion (LPA)	\$1.0M Project Total
HOOKSETT	43851 (New)	Hackett Hill Rd/ NH 3A intersection and Main Street improvements for safety (PE & ROW - SAH with local match & CON - Fed Aid with TTC match) - (LPA) In previous 2017-2026 TYP - Former project number 14950	SAH - \$1.32M Federal Aid - \$2.7M