

April 11, 2024
NH Interagency Consultation Meeting
1:00pm
MS-Teams

Roll call of attending members:

NCC: Nick Altonaga & Kevin Driscoll

UVLSRPC: Tim Josephson

LRPC: Sean Chamberlain

SWRPC: J.B. Mack

CNHRPC: Craig Tufts

SRPC: Colin Lentz (note taker)

SNHPC: Dave Tilton

RPC: Dave Walker

NRPC: Matt Waitkins

EPA: Eric Rackauskas

NHDES: Jessica Wilcox

FTA: Christina Mendoza

FHWA: Leigh Levine

NHDOT: Fred Butler, Salem Quinn;
Denise Sherburne, Lucy St. John, Bill
Watson, Glenn Davison, William Rose

A4.M04.24 (April Minor)

There were two more additions to the April Minor:

- 42092 Dorchester (change to funding type)
- Program for Maintenance and Preservation of bridges on Tier 3/4 highways added funding to PE for anticipated costs.

2023-2026 STIP Amendment #4 update

Amendment 4 was submitted to FHWA. Leigh Levine noted that he's working on a joint letter with FTA. They had questions about some CMAQ projects in the amendment and got a response from Tom Jameson.

2023-2026 STIP Amendment #5 update

Amendment 5 is currently out for public comments by RPC's.

Agency Updates

- EPA - no updates relevant to IAC-
- Jessica Wilcox said NHDES is expecting release of an RFP for application FY2023 DERA funds from the clean diesel program (for municipal vehicles).
- FTA - no updates
- FHWA - Leigh Levine explained that a Court case in Texas vacated rules for the federal greenhouse gas measure [which required state DOTs and Metropolitan Planning Organizations to set performance targets]. Federal agencies are reviewing impacts and awaiting a final decision.
- Fred Butler announced that FFY24 FTA apportionments had been released and he will be sending information to IAC members following the meeting.

Other Business

- J.B. Mack reminded attendees that a Transportation Planners Collaborative subcommittee was reviewing potential revisions/updates to the Ten Year Plan criteria and guidance document. Minor updates are anticipated. He asked

how best to distribute draft changes to IAC partners for review. William Rose suggested that the subcommittee meet soon to reach consensus on proposed updates and schedule a full Transportation Planner's Collaborative meeting to review updates with the full group.

- Bill Watson said he had been soliciting input from RPCs about an opportunity for a joint application to FHWA's Prioritization Process Pilot Discretionary Grant Program. The project concept is to improve the Ten Year Plan project selection process by developing more quantitative scoring methods. Bill has heard back from most RPCs with a range of interest. Stay tuned for consensus and decision.

Bill noted that the initial presentation of the draft Ten Year Plan by NHDOT to Senate Transportation Committee is scheduled for Tuesday April 16th at 1:40. It is not yet clear when NHDOT will give their presentation and when the committee will be holding the formal public hearing. That will likely be determined at a meeting on Friday (4/11/2024)

Next Monthly Meeting May 9, 2024