

2/8/2024
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 & Mark Davie

SNHPC: Nate Miller & Dave Tilton

RPC: Dave Walker

NRPC: Matt Waitkins

EPA: Eric Rackauskas

NHDES: Jessica Wilcox

FTA: Ari Ofsevit

FHWA: Leigh Levine

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

February minor revision: D. Sherburne explained that there had been some last-minute additions to the February Docket for projects that were waiting approval of changes included in Amendment 3. She provided a listing of the project changes including:

- Derry-Londonderry 13065C (adding 2024 PE funds)
- Bow-Concord 13742 (changing 2024 PE funds to Freight Program funds)
- Programmatic HSIP (adjusting annual funding amounts to address anticipated projects)

Sherburne noted that revised materials reflecting these changes would be sent out to the Interagency group immediately following the meeting. W. Rose noted that the revised revision remarks document will have the added projects highlighted to facilitate ease of understanding the proposed changes.

Amendment 3 update: W. Rose noted that A3 had been approved by FHWA/FTA on 2/5.

Amendment 4: W. Rose explained that NHDOT was adding the Derry-Londonderry 13065 project back into the STIP. W. Rose briefly explained that this was due to an existing arrangement between NHDOT and FHWA-NH Division re: the 13065 project funding ROW for all of the associated 13065A-G projects. Rose further explained that this is a non-exempt project and a Conformity determination will be required.

L. Levine asked about the missing CMAQ project scopes. W. Rose revisited the discussion from the February IAC Q&A information distribution. Rose acknowledged the scopes for the new CMAQ projects were missing due to a 'hiccup' in ProMIS based in part to these projects briefly appearing in Amendment #3, before being withdrawn in alignment with the GACIT process at the time. Rose explained further that he would work to add the scopes for these projects to the STIP, and that the MPOs could address their TIPs individually as the scopes have been provided in the A4 export.

Agency Updates:

EPA: Eric updated the group on the plans re: lowering PM2.5 standard from 12 to 9 micrograms/m³. He didn't expect that the change was likely to impact NH.

FTA: Ari announced that FTA Region 1 has hired a new Community Planner, Christina Mendoza.

NHDOT: Fred noted that he has requested that the urban providers reach out to him with any changes to programmed funds in the STIP and there may be further revisions to the STIP because of that feedback. Bill Watson advised the group of the planned House Public Works and Highways committee

re: the 2025-2034 Ten Year Plan next Wednesday, and that he would forward additional details to the RPCs once they are firmed up.

NHDES: J. Wilcox noted plans to submit a climate action plan by March 1, overseeing state clean fleets program. Not in a place with availability for municipalities but may have it in the future.

FHWA: L. Levine updated the group on the following items:

- new census 2020 maps
- webinar for proposed rulemaking (see email Jan 30, comments due Feb 26)
- final rule Dec 7 for performance of national highway system greenhouse gas emissions, legal challenge, won't seek to enforce Feb 1 deadline until March 29

N. Miller asked a question about a local culvert project that needs to be upgraded to a bridge and whether that would be eligible for either state aid or federal off system bridge funding? B. Walson: yes, provided that the final constructed solution is eligible for the funding type, generally determined by the length of the structure.

The meeting adjourned at 1:17pm.