

Notes from Interagency Meeting – 10/12/2023

Present:

William Rose (NHDOT)	Nicholas Altonaga (NCC)
Lucy St. John (NHDOT)	Kevin (NCC)
Bill Watson (NHDOT)	Colin Lentz (SRPC)
Glenn Davison (NHDOT)	Matt Waitkins (NRPC)
Fred Butler (NHDOT)	David Walker (RPC)
Denise (NHDOT)	Craig Tufts (CNHRPC)
Tim Josephson (UVLSRPC)	J.B. Mack (SWRPC)
Nate Miller (SNHPC)	Jessica Wilcox (NHDES)
David Tilton (SNHPC)	Erik Rackauskas (EPA Region 1)
Sean Chamberlin (LRPC)	

Roll Call

- William Rose conducted a roll call of attending members.

October Minor Revisions

- Keene – Swanzey 40100 – (Construction of floodplain and wetland mitigation for the Keene – Swanzey series of projects.) This project will be removed from the October minor revisions.
- The statewide Corridor Study (CORRST) Program changes will be removed from Amendment 3 and added to the October minor revisions.
- Berlin 44142 – (Mason Street Bridge) will be added to the October minor revisions due to a change in PE year.
- The statewide Municipal Owned Bridge (MOBIL) Program changes will be removed from Amendment 3 and added to the October minor revisions.
- William Rose advised that he would be sending the updated October minor revision docket, revised remarks, revised export, and revised project estimate sheets for projects Berlin (44142), CORRST and MOBIL to interagency partners shortly.

2023 – 2026 STIP Amendment #3 Discussion

- William Rose asked for a determination of CAA Code for Londonderry-Windham-Seabrook project #44355. Nate Miller asked if we need to do this at this time since the project was removed from Amendment 3. William concurred that we did not have to act at this time.
- Potential non-exempt project modifications for orphan areas were discussed.
 - Bedford/ Merrimack 16100 – (FE Everett Turnpike – convert Bedford Mainline Toll Plaza to institute all electronic tolling). Following discussion, IAC partners agreed that this should be an exempt project and that the current E-7 code is appropriate. Dave Walker suggested looking back at similar projects during the I-95 construction to see what they were labeled for consistency.
 - Hooksett 29611 (Reconstruction and widening of US 3/NH 28). Following discussion, IAC partners agreed that this is a non-exempt project change that would trigger SNHPC to undertake a Conformity Determination.

- Nashua/ Merrimack Bedford13761 (FE Everett Turnpike Widening). Following discussion, IAC partners agreed that this is a non-exempt project change that would trigger NRPC to undertake a Conformity Determination.
- William Rose advised that the scope change for Alstead 40649 is nothing more than a hyphen. This will be pulled from Amendment 3 and managed as an administrative change.

Proposed TIP Amendment #3 Public Comment Schedules

- SNHPC – Public hearing on 11/28/2023 with a 10-day comment period prior to that date.
- SRPC – Public hearing on 11/17/2023 with a 10-day comment period prior to that date.
- RPC - Public hearing on 11/8/2023 with a 10-day comment period prior to that date.
- NRPC – Public hearing on 12/20/2023 with a 10-day comment period prior to that date.
 - A discussion ensued about the new state law requiring a 60-day window for TIP amendments from IAC meeting to adoption. Matt Waitkins said this may necessitate NRPC having a special meeting. After some discussion about the history of the law and the purpose behind the law, it was determined that NRPC's regularly scheduled meeting on 12/20 would be acceptable.
- William Rose stated that NHDOT's public comment period will be one week after the last public comment period ends and will close on 12/27/2023.

Agency Updates

- Erik Rackauskas reported that Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES) training will be held next week.
- Jessica Wilcox announced that the Granite State Clean Fleets (GSCF) funding opportunity closes on 10/13/2023.
- Jessica Wilcox noted that the NHDES public comment listening session for Planned EV Charging Funding Opportunity has been rescheduled for 10/26/2023 at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Bill Watson reported that there are six GACIT hearings left, (Hudson, Jaffrey, Epsom, Greenland, Hampstead, and Goffstown). The Seabrook GACIT meeting has been cancelled and has not been rescheduled for the time of the IAC meeting. The Greenland meeting and one other may become a hybrid meeting in hopes of increasing attendance and discussion at the meeting. Bill Watson encouraged IAC partners to help promote attendance at the GACIT meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m. The next IAC meeting is scheduled for November 09, 2023, at 1:00 PM.

Notes from Interagency Meeting – 11/09/2023

Present:

William Rose (NHDOT)
Leigh Levine (FHWA)
Nicholas Altonaga (NCC)
Lucy St. John (NHDOT)
Kevin Driscoll (NCC)
Bill Watson (NHDOT)
Matt Waitkins (NRPC)
Glenn Davison (NHDOT)
Fred Butler (NHDOT)
David Walker (RPC)

Craig Tufts (CNHRPC)
Tim Josephson (UVLSRPC)
J.B. Mack (SWRPC)
Nate Miller (SNHPC)
Jessica Wilcox (NHDES)
David Tilton (SNHPC)
Sean Chamberlin (LRPC)
Mark Davie (SRPC)
Ayla Martinelli (EPA Region 1)

Roll Call

- William Rose conducted the roll call of attendees as listed above

November Minor Revision (A2.M11.23)

- Small number of questions on the revision. Conversations with MPOs regarding projects that do not appear to be changing but are in the revision. These projects are changing by less than \$1 which is registered by the database but do not show any actual differences in the reports. MPOs prefer to allow NHDOT to address these data management issues without requiring them to be incorporated into a revision. No objections were raised to managing the changes in this manner. Process will be put into place beginning with the December 2023 revisions.

2023-2026 STIP Amendment #3 Update

- Public notices out for some MPOs. One public comment change to include the TRAIN program. RPC has approved the revisions.

Agency Updates

- NHDES – VW funding for clean fleets received 30 project proposals. Those are being reviewed and scored. Community Charging Program grant is awaiting a decision from FHWA. Expecting more DERA funding soon.
- EPA – No updates to share at this time
- NHDOT Bureau of Rail and Transit – Will attend Nashua TMA review remotely next week
- FHWA – NOFO deadlines upcoming for Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability (11/13) and Thriving Communities Grant (11/15). October 26 email includes links. Virtual Public Involvement resources have been updated and information was included in an 11/1 email.

Other Business

- Question regarding the GACIT hearing on 11/8. Will the log of changes be posted on the website today? Answer from Bill Watson was yes.

December 2023 Interagency Notes

Roll Call of Attending Members

Kevin Driscoll – NCC
Tim Josephson – UVLSRPC
Sean Chamberlin – LRPC
J.B. Mack – SWRPC
Colin Lentz – SRPC
Nate Miller - SNHPC
Dave Tilton – SNHPC
Dave Walker – RPC
Matthew Waitkins – NRPC
Jessica Wilcox – NHDES
Eric Rackauskas – EPA
Lucy St John – NHDOT
Fred Butler – NHDOT
William Rose – NHDOT
Glenn Davison – NHDOT
Denise Sherburne - NHDOT
Leigh Levine - FHWA

December Minor Revision

No questions/comments.

STIP Amendment 3

3 MPOs have approved their TIP Amendments, NRPC will be doing so next Wednesday. NHDOT provided a note of appreciation to all the MPOs for their timely coordination and approval actions.

Question – Are all the Amendment 3 projects being included in the new Ten Year Plan?

NHDOT Answer – No, the new Ten Year Plan is a snapshot in time, Governor and/or Legislature may change it. Amendment 3 is a snapshot in time too. By the subsequent STIP Update, there will be alignment.

Agency Updates

FHWA - NOFOs for FY 23-24 ATTAIN Program and RAISE 2024 Program have been released.

NHDOT – Planning is fully staffed now with Denise Sherburne and Salem Quinn (who should be attending next month’s meeting).

Next Monthly Meeting – January 11th, 2024.

Notes from Interagency Meeting – 01/11/2024

Online via MS-Teams

Attendees

Nicholas Altonaga (NCC)
Matt Waitkins (NRPC)
David Walker (RPC)
Craig Tufts (CNHRPC)
Ian Garland (UVLSRPC)
J.B. Mack (SWRPC)
Nate Miller (SNHPC)
David Tilton (SNHPC)
Sylvia von Aulock (SNHPC)
Sean Chamberlin (LRPC)
Mark Davie (SRPC)

Colin Lentz (SRPC)
Leigh Levine (FHWA)
Eric Raskaukas (USEPA)
Jessica Wilcox (NHDES)
Ari Ofsevit (FTA)
Bill Watson (NHDOT)
William Rose (NHDOT)
Glenn Davison (NHDOT)
Fred Butler (NHDOT)
Lucy St. John (NHDOT)
Denise Sherburne (NHDOT)

Roll Call

- W. Rose conducted the roll call for attendance.

January Minor Revision (A3.M01.24)

- Last minute adjustments to:
 - Moultonborough 42602: adjusted funding source
 - Programmatic BRDG Tier ¼ M&P: adjusted funding type for PE/Construction in addition to changes already listed in draft docket.
- Rose noted that NHDOT would send out updated estimates, Revision Remarks, Docket, Programmatic, and Export to IAC Partners following the meeting.

2023-2026 STIP Amendment #3 Update

- W. Rose noted that NHDOT had transmitted proposed Amendment 3 to the FHWA and FTA for review/approval; no updates from FHWA and FTA at this time.

2023-2026 STIP Amendment #4 Update

- ADDED: Hampton 42602 to the Scope Only docket
- REVISED: Maidstone, VT- Stratford, NH 44592 – revised funding shown in prior STIP A4 materials.
- REMOVED: MOBRR as a programmatic from the STIP; children projects will continue to enter the STIP as stand-alone projects.

Discussion:

- **Dover 44367** - Dave Walker (RPC) questioned why this isn't a COAST project as COAST was the sponsor and would be working with SRPC and RPC to implement; also noted that RPC should show as one of the RPCs. W. Rose noted he would follow-up and correct as necessary.
- **Wilton-Milford-Amherst-Bedford 13629E** Nate Miller asked if this project was located entirely within the NRPC region or not – noting that SNHPC has been carrying it in their TIP. W. Rose will confirm the location of the project.

Notes from Interagency Meeting – 01/11/2024

Online via MS-Teams

- **Londonderry-Windham-Seabrook 44355** – Discussion on what is the correct CAA code because Nate Miller and Dave Walker had both believe it should be exempt. Leigh made comment that it may be considered non exempt (Leigh at FHWA and Eric at EPA to discuss and get back to William; William provided STIP Revision Procedures in the chat, which include a link to the CAA codes, which are part of the STIP Revision Procedures)
- The discussion then turned to a 10 day Public comment period schedule for A4 at the MPOs
 - SRPC - Public comment period opens 2/5 and closes on 2/16.
 - SNHPC– Public comment period opens 2/12 and closes on 2/27.
 - RPC – Public comment period opens 2/16 and closes on 2/28.
 - NRPC - Following the meeting, Matt e-mailed NHDOT to confirm MPO public hearing opens on 2/9 and closes on 2/21.
- W. Rose noted that NHDOT will end out an Updated Export, Docket and Scope Only Docket along with the Financial Constraint report will be sent to IAC group next week.

Agency Updates

- NHDES – No updates to share at this time
- EPA – No updates to share at this time
- FTA – No updates to share at this time; hoping to have a planner soon.
- NHDOT – 10 Year Plan going from Governor to Legislature and Governor is recommending changes, which NHDOT will share with RPCs once we have them; legislative process reviewed; suggested that RPC and their communities advocate for their projects during the legislative process starting with the House Public Works Committee; 10 Year Plan is identified as HB 2024; JB from SWRPC share the legislative public hearing schedule with the RPCs.
- FHWA – 2020 Census on boundary updates and functional classification; sent a 1/9 email with NOFO closing dates; February 28th closing for RAISE; NH received no CFI grants

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 PM.

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.

3/14/2024
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

SNHPC: Nate Miller & Dave Tilton

RPC: Dave Walker

NRPC: Matt Waitkins

EPA:

NHDES: Jessica Wilcox

FTA:

FHWA: Leigh Levine

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

March minor revision: there were no lingering questions or concerns about the March minor revisions. W. Rose said that all the project estimates had been provided except for Newfield's-Newmarket (28393), which will be sent after today's meeting. W. Rose said that two additional projects would be added to the March minor. Projects that will be added to the March minor revisions:

- Pelham 41751
- Manchester 43826

D. Sherburne noted that revised materials reflecting these changes would be sent out to the Interagency group immediately following the meeting.

Amendment 4 update: W. Rose noted that Amendment 4 had been sent to FHWA/FTA. L. Levine said that he had spoken with Christina Mendoza (Region 1 FTA staff) and that the processing of Amendment 4 is progressing. William thanked everyone for their help processing the Amendment.

Amendment 5: W. Rose explained that NHDOT had provided Draft Amendment 5 to the Interagency group last week. NHDOT had waited for the Amendment 4 public comment period to close before releasing draft Amendment 5 to avoid confusion.

William noted that he had received comments from N. Miller and M. Waitkins about several projects.

- Project 40664 (Bedford) (US3 widening from Hawthorne Drive, north to Manchester airport access road).
 - Nate asked for an explanation for the change in the project schedule and what the current schedule is for the project.
 - William said that he would get back to the group with the explanation.
- Project #42108 (Hudson (Circumferential Highway – plan, engineer, and construct a roadway between Route 3A and Route 111 along the southern portion of the Circumferential Highway ROW).
 - Nate had noted that the project adds capacity, and it takes place in the orphan area so the CAA code should not be ATT. Nate had suggested E-38 as a possibility because the funding is technically for a feasibility study. William said the project scope includes adding capacity so E-38 wouldn't likely be appropriate.
 - Matt said that the Town of Hudson had voted earlier this week (warrant article) to not fund the local match for this project.

- William said that this project had been included in the draft FY2025-34 Ten Year plan through the legislative process and therefore it is not just an NHDOT/Town issue.
- William proposed removing this project from Amendment 5 and then dealing with it after the draft FY2025-34 Ten Year plan is adopted.
- There were no objections.
- The timeline for MPO adoption of the Amendment was discussed using a 10-day comment period for Amendment #5.
 - SNHRPC: Public comment period runs 4/8-4/19 with the public hearing occurring at the 4/23 Commission meeting.
 - SRPC: Public comment period runs 4/9-4/19 with the public hearing occurring at the 4/19 SRPC Policy Committee meeting.
 - RPC: Public comment period runs 3/28-4/9 with adoption at the 4/10 Commission meeting.
 - NRPC: Matt W. confirmed the public comment period running 4/5-4/15 with a public hearing by the Policy Committee on 4/17 with William offline after the meeting.

As always, the NHDOT public comment period will end 1 full week following the close of the final MPO Public comment period. For A5, the NHDOT comment period will run from 4/20-4/30.

Agency Updates:

NHDOT: Fred Butler said that Christina Mendoza had joined Region 1 FTA staff.

NHDES: Jessica Wilcox said that NHDES has been awarded new DERA funding and anticipates releasing a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) by early April. The RFP will be structured and have similar requirements to the prior RFP.

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

- Be on the lookout for Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) that he sends out via email. There are lots of opportunities.
- FHWA has announced August Redistribution planning flexibility.
 - happens every year – an opportunity for States that anticipate having excess Obligational Authority by the end of the FFY to release it to States that can use it before the FFY closes.
 - More Obligational Authority does not mean additional funding, but additional authority or permission to obligate funds made available by the apportionment.
 - FHWA will consider the early estimated amount from December as available for programming in the STIP/TIPS.
 - NHDOT usually takes advantage of additional flexibility.
- NHDOT: Bill Watson referenced a discussion that Jessica Wilcox had with the RPC Directors earlier in the day. The discussion was about the FY2022-23 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program. The NHDES and NHDOT applications for this round of funding were unsuccessful. NHDES has reviewed grants from around the country that were successful. The review informed NHDES that it should identify specific locations for EV charging infrastructure. The purpose of the RPC director’s discussion was to see if RPCs would be willing to collaborate with DES on future funding applications, and if the RPCs could identify specific locations for EV Infrastructure. The RPC directors agreed to collaborate.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Waitkins, NRPC

03.15.2024

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

5/9/2024

NH Interagency Consultation Meeting

MS-Teams - 1:00pm

Roll call of attending members:

NCC: Nick Altonaga, Kevin Driscoll

UVLSRPC: Tim Josephson

LRPC: Dave Jeffers

SWRPC: J.B. Mack

CNHRPC: Craig Tufts

SRPC: Colin Lentz, Mark Davie

SNHPC: Nate Miller

RPC: Dave Walker

NRPC: Matt Waitkins

EPA: Eric Rackaukas

NHDES: Jessica Wilcox

FTA: Ari Ofsevit

FHWA: Leigh Levine

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

May Minor

D. Sherburne indicated there were updates to the May Programmatic Report, which will be sent after today's meeting. L. Levine stated an e-mail was forwarded to D. Sherburne a few minutes prior to the meeting regarding 2 projects:

- 1) Concord 44556 project scope may be missing information, needs more information; and
- 2) North Hampton 24457 may be introducing a new phase which would be an amendment vs a minor revision.

D. Sherburne acknowledged the e-mail had just been received and that the two (2) projects would be researched following today's meeting.

UPDATE: NHDOT concurs with the Concord 44556 missing scope in the Docket, as presented. This has been fixed in the updated docket.

NHDOT concurs that North Hampton 24457 appeared in the May Minor docket in error and has removed it from the proposed Minor revision.

An updated May Docket, Revision Remarks, Export and Programmatic Report were sent to IAC partners on May 10, 2024.

Amendment 5 – This has been sent to FHWA and FTA for approval on 5/7/2024.

Amendment 6 – Will be introduced at June IAC.

Agency Updates

DES

- Thanks to RPCs for submitting potential sites for EV charging, anticipation that more Federal funding will be coming through several avenues. There's no commitment or "locking in" with potential sites, so please keep submitting.
- EPA DERA funding can be used to replace old diesel equipment, if replacing with EV you can replace any model year vehicle. RFP ends May 24, approx. \$650k available. Links to the program are available through the NHDES website.

EPA - No Updates

FTA - No updates.

NH DOT

- Amendment 6 being worked on hopefully to be introduced in June.
- Bill Watson – DOT working hard to round out Federal FY 2024 and is exploring how to best obligate future potential projects. Regions are already reaching out to DOT for future 10-year plan updates, please remember to be precise as to what time frame and plan is being discussed – lot of plans can "blend" together. Please feel free to ask DOT questions and help move projects forward.

DOT Transit

- No updates. NRPC question on FY24 negotiations on apportionments, may be a minor revision to revise FY24 coming soon. Won't be full amendment.

FHWA

- Confirmed Amendment 5 was received.
- Recent event in Rye celebrated \$20 Million discretionary grant on seawall project on 1A to prepare for sea level rise and address resiliency.
- A NOFO was sent May 1, Transportation Access Pilot program information was sent out by e-mail on 4/24. Created under BIL to support efforts to measure access to important destinations. Webinar will be held May 28; link will be provided to register once received (<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/smart/webinars>). Letter of interest to apply is due by June 7.

Next IAC Meeting is June 13, 2024.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Notes from Interagency Meeting – 06/13/2024

Present:

Salem Quinn (NHDOT)
Glenn Davison (NHDOT)
Christine Mendoza (FTA)
Jack Wade (NHDES)
Nicholas Altonaga (NCC)
Matt Waitkins (NRPC)
J.B. Mack (SWRPC)
David Tilton (SNHPC)
David Jeffers (LRPC)

Bill Watson (NHDOT)
Fred Butler (NHDOT)
Leigh Levine (FHWA)
Eric Rackauskas (EPA Region 1)
Colin Lentz (SRPC)
David Walker (RPC)
Nate Miller (SNHPC)
Vincent Pagano (CNHRPC)

Roll Call

- Salem Quinn conducted a roll call of attending members.

June Minor Revisions

- New estimates were received for Enfield Project #44286 and the BRDG T3/4 M&P Program, which will be forwarded to interagency partners following the meeting.
- The Bridge T3/4 M&P project was revised to reflect the shifting of funds to align with the project schedule in the PE and CON phases.
- Projects NTS5310 and NTS5339 had incorrect revision remarks attributed to each project, that error has been corrected and the correct revision remarks are now linked to the proper projects.
- The original revision remarks advised that Lebanon Project #40794 had an increase in funds for the construction phase of the project. This was incorrect and construction phase funding will actually be decreased. Updated revision remarks will be sent to interagency partners following the meeting.

2023-2026 STIP Amendment #5 Update

- Amendment #5 has been approved.

2023-2026 STIP Amendment #6 Discussion

- Additions have been received by NHDOT and the agency will be sending out revised Amendment #6 materials reflecting those new projects and changes made to existing projects.
 - Bedford #44814 was revised based on questions received.
 - Manchester #44857 and Wentworth #44858 were added. These are new Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) projects.
- Matt Waitkins inquired when the MPOs would see the fiscal constraint documentation for Amendment #6. Salem Quinn stated that the fiscal constraint documentation will be coming and that NHDOT normally waits until all project changes are finalized following Interagency Consultation before sending out fiscal constraint. Matt Waitkins explained that NRPC is in its public comment

period now and asked if any additional projects would be added in the NRPC region. Bill Watson responded that there is a CDS project in Nashua. However, NHDOT has reached out without success to Nashua to determine how they were going to use their funding and phasing. The project either needs to go in Amendment #6 or Nashua will have to wait for the STIP update to add the project. Bill Watson suggested that if NHDOT and NRPC both reach out to the City of Nashua and explain the situation, it may help bring them to the table. Bill Watson advised that he will coordinate with Matt Waitkins on this following the meeting.

- Salem Quinn asked the RPCs when their public comment period would be opening and closing for this round. The RPC responses are below:
 - NRPC – Opens on 6/7 and closes on 6/17 with a public hearing scheduled for 6/19.
 - SRPC – Opens on 7/9 and a public meeting is scheduled for 7/19.
 - RPC – Public hearing scheduled for 7/10 with the comment period going from 6/28 – 7/9.
 - SNHPC – Public comment period from 7/8 – 7/19 with a public hearing on 7/23.
- Nate Miller noted that Bedford is in the air quality orphan area and the Bedford 44814 project will require a CAA code. The current list of exemptions do not appear to directly address EV charging projects. The project is exempt, but interagency partners should reach a consensus on how these types of projects should be coded in the future. Erik Rackauskas stated that NH is the only state in the country using CAA codes, and these codes may not be needed in the future. Leigh Levine stated that he felt that the CAA codes are useful when determining if a project is exempt or not. Following discussion, it was agreed that NHDOT would create a new “E-Other” (or similar) code encompassing exempt projects that do not fall within the existing list of codes.
- Leigh Levine asked the group if the Bedford 44814 would trigger a conformity determination. Nate Miller stated that the 44814 project was exempt and interagency partners concurred that there is nothing in Amendment #6 that would trigger a conformity determination for the SNHPC region.
- Leigh Levine mentioned that Hudson #42108 in the NRPC region is shown as an engineering study, which is being removed in the TIP amendment. Leigh Levine noted that, if the project was the removal of a non-exempt capacity project with phases beyond PE, then we would need to discuss a conformity determination. However, this project is a PE phase study being removed. Interagency partners agreed that the removal of the Hudson #42108 project would not trigger a conformity determination for the NRPC region.
- Salem Quinn mentioned that upon request, NHDOT can send project estimates and revision remarks. NHDOT feels that they email many documents to the RPCs every month and did not want to add additional documents to the pile but will fulfill requests that are submitted.

- Nate Miller noted that the federal funding amount programmed for the Bedford 44814 project was higher than the discretionary award amount. NHDOT had advised that figures would be updated for that project, but those figures weren't reflected in the updated docket. Bill Watson responded that the updated estimate was processed the night prior and will be reflected in the revised documents that will be sent out after the meeting. Nate Miller asked if NHDOT would be supplementing the project with other federal funding sources. Bill Watson replied that NHDOT is looking at committing other federal funds to cover the differences in cost.
- Nate Miller inquired about the OHSS (Overhead Sign) program having an attainment code suggesting that the project is only taking place in attainment areas of the state, which is likely not the case. Nate Miller suggested changing the code to "All" unless the program is only happening in the northern and western portions (attainment areas) of the state.
- Nate Miller asked why the STBG to FTA transfer is being dropped for FY 2024. Fred Butler advised that the intent is each year, when the transfer happens, that STBG line item is zeroed out and funding is applied to the corresponding FTA programs. Glenn Davison advised that the funds would appear in three FTA programs (FTA 5307, FTA 5310 and FTA 5311), which will be reflected in an upcoming minor revision.
- Matt Waitkins posed a general question regarding a scope only change for the Amherst Rail Trail project. The scope was removed from the STIP and then was reintroduced as an Amendment. Matt Waitkins noted that the scope is back in, but the Amendment has not been formally completed. Salem Quinn stated that this has inadvertently happened to a number of projects. Manually inputting the scope is the temporary solution and putting the change in the Amendment is a way to make sure that the change is made permanent.
- Nate Miller asked Bill Watson if NHDOT had everything needed from Manchester for their CDS project and if SNHPC help was needed in any way. Bill Watson responded that Manchester has received two earmarks, one for Elm Street and one for the signal improvements. A different federal agency is overseeing the signal improvement project, so it does not need to be reflected in the TIP or the STIP. Leigh Levine suggested adding it for informational purposes only. Manchester project #44857 (Elm Street) has been added to Amendment #6 and the revised amendment will be sent to the group after the meeting. Nate Miller noted that, if the Elm Street project is a sidewalk project, it would be exempt. But, if there is any question about the project, he will coordinate with NHDOT and FHWA to see if the project would trigger a conformity determination.

Agency Updates

- EPA – none
- DES – none
- FTA – NEPTA Conference will be held at the end of June. FTA will be attending and will be part of a panel on the 27th.

- FHWA – Leigh Levine sent an email on 6/3 with agency updates. Note that NOFO for CFI Discretionary Grant is out for projects that support charging and fueling infrastructure. Applications are due by 8/28 and notices considering past applications are due to FHWA by 7/1. This allows for applications that were considered but not awarded to be reconsidered.
- NHDOT Bureau of Rail and Transit – none
- NHDOT Bureau of Planning & Community Assistance – Bill Watson gave an update on the Ten-Year Plan process. A Committee of Conference between the House and Senate has resolved an issue related to Continental Boulevard in Merrimack and the Ten-Year Plan bill will be voted on today. The RPCs recently had a meeting with NHDOT and NHDES to finalize the methodology for calculating the air quality benefits of EV-related CMAQ projects. Bill Watson noted that there is a Transportation Planners Collaborative meeting scheduled for next week. Bill also noted a recent discussion with the RPC Executive Directors that may result in changes to the traffic counting program in the future.
- NRPC – Matt Waitkins told the group the NRPC is in the process of shifting its public meetings to allow for more flexibility with its meeting schedule to better accommodate TIP process needs.

Other Business

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m. The next IAC meeting is scheduled for July 11th at 1:00 p.m.

Interagency Notes – July 11, 2024

Note taker: Leigh Levine, FHWA

Attending: Nick Altonaga and Kevin Driscoll – NCC, Shanna Saunders and David Jeffers - LRPC, Craig Tufts – CNHRPC, Colin Lentz – SRPC, Dave Tilton and Nate Miller – SNHPC, Mikayla Jerominek - RPC, Matt Waitkins – NRPC, Eric Rackauskas – EPA, Christina Mendoza – FTA, Jessica Wilcox – NHDES, Fred Butler, Lucy St. John, Salem Quinn, Denise Sherburne, Bill Watson, Glenn Davison, William Rose – NHDOT, Leigh Levine – FHWA.

July STIP Minor Revision:

Discussion of a few last-minute changes – two Pelham projects (41751 and 41751A) – changing match and inflation. Match now 80/20 vs 60/40. In rural area - changing funding types on 12210 Hinsdale NH-Brattleboro VT project. EV INFRA Programmatic – the new Bedford NEVI/RAA project was in Amendment 6, but after further consultation with FHWA, project will be expedited via the July Minor Revision as an administrative modification to the existing EV-INFRA Programmatic project and is included in the programmatic report. Also, funding will be added for Bridge Tier 1 and 1 Programmatic for 2024. No objections raised, NHDOT will be sending out revised Minor Revision materials, estimates with these updates as discussed.

STIP Amendment 6

All is moving according to schedule. SNHPC hearing on July 23rd in Manchester will wrap up the MPO TIP Amendment actions.

Agency Updates

NHDES – Round 2 RFP of NH Clean Diesel program is going forward with \$250k of remaining EPA DERA funding. August 2, 4pm deadline to respond to RFP. Please spread the word to communities. NHDES also looking to support NHDOT for a CFI grant, will be reaching out with a worksheet to partners – to help ID an explicit number of ports. Jack Wade will be contacting everybody.

FTA – 2024 awards released for their low and no emission vehicle grants. MTA was awarded funds for their transit center project, and UNH for new busses.

EPA – looking for nominations for their Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee. Nominations must be emailed or postmarked by July 31, 2024. Vacancies are anticipated to be filled by November 15, 2024. Eric will email a Federal Register link to Leigh for distribution to all.

NHDOT Transit – NHDOT received a grant from FTA Clean Bus Planning Award program. Will work with NHDES and MPOs. More to come when contractor is selected.

Next meeting scheduled for August 8, 2024.

Notes from Interagency Meeting – 8/08/2024

Present:

William Rose (NHDOT)	Leigh Levine (FHWA)	David Walker (RPC)
Lucy St. John (NHDOT)	Christina Mendoza (FTA)	J.B. Mack (SWRPC)
Salem Quinn (NHDOT)	Eric Rackauskas (EPA Region 1)	Nate Miller (SNHPC)
Denise Sherburne (NHDOT)	Jessica Wilcox (NHDES)	Dave Tilton (SNHPC)
Fred Butler (NHDOT)	Craig Tufts (CNHRPC)	Colin Lentz (SRPC)
Glenn Davison (NHDOT)	Nicholas Altonaga (NCC)	Tim Josephson (UVLSRPC)
Bill Watson (NHDOT)	Matt Waitkins (NRPC)	

Roll Call

- William Rose conducted the roll call of attendees as listed above.

August Minor Revision (A6.M08.24)

- Some updates were provided via email. Added two projects in Dover, one in Jaffrey, TAP Program, Warner, Candia-Raymond, Franconia. Last minute updates are due to this being the last minor revision before the end of the federal fiscal year. New programmatic reports and exports will be issued.

2023-2026 STIP Amendment Updates

- Amendment #6 submitted to federal partners for approval.
- Proposing Amendment #7 before STIP/TIP updates. Sending out proposed amendment in advance of October meeting. May discuss schedule for Amendment #7 at September meeting.

Agency Updates

- NHDES – Round two of DERA closed on August 2 and a handful of applications have been received. Supporting NHDOT in submitting an application for a vehicle charging infrastructure grant.
- FTA – The Enhancing Mobility and Innovation NOFO was released on July 1. Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant NOFO was released on July 15. MPOs are eligible for both.
- EPA – No updates to share at this time.
- NHDOT Bureau of Rail and Transit – No updates at this time.
- FHWA – No updates at this time.

Other Business

- No other business.

Notes from Interagency Meeting – 9/12/2024

Online via MS-Teams

Attendees

Nicholas Altonaga (NCC)

Matt Waitkins (NRPC)

David Walker (RPC)

Craig Tufts (CNHRPC)

Tim Josephson (UVLSRPC)

J.B. Mack (SWRPC)

Nate Miller (SNHPC)

David Tilton (SNHPC)

David Jeffers (LRPC)

Colin Lentz (SRPC)

Leigh Levine (FHWA)

Eric Raskaukas (USEPA)

Jessica Wilcox (NHDES)

Ari Ofsevit (FTA)

Christina Mendoza (FTA)

Bill Watson (NHDOT)

William Rose (NHDOT)

Glenn Davison (NHDOT)

Shelley Winters (NHDOT)

Fred Butler (NHDOT)

Lucy St. John (NHDOT)

Denise Sherburne (NHDOT)

Salem Quinn (NHDOT)

Roll Call

W. Rose conducted the roll call for attendance.

September Minor Revision (A6.M09.24)

W. Rose explained that there would be 8 Projects added to the September docket as part of ~~the~~ today's meeting, and that NHDOT will forward materials to IAC that include these additional projects. Rose then provided a brief synopsis of these projects. Rose further explained that these late additions – while not the desired approach – were necessary given that this was the final IAC before the end of the FFY, and NHDOT wants to ensure all available funds can be obligated before the close of the FFY.

2023-2026 STIP Amendment #6 Update

- W. Rose noted that FHWA and FTA approved A6.

2023-2026 STIP Amendment #7 Update

- A7 will be introduced for October IAC. D. Walker asked if the COAST 44367 CMAQ project can be included in A7. The discussion about the COAST CMAQ project was summarized- FHWA is not waiting for any information from COAST or NHDOT, FTA is ok with it and Leigh, FHWA is waiting for confirmation from the FHWA Washington office for the actual confirmation of the eligibility.
- Bedford-Merrimack 16100 CAA status (exempt/non-exempt) is fine as currently presented but we can address any changes to this status in A7 if needed. EPA and FHWA would consult offline regarding this item.
- W. Rose noted that we are also planning for the STIP Update effort, and noted he'll be discussing the proposed schedule with the MPOs at the Partnering for Performance meetings and future IAC meetings as well.

Notes from Interagency Meeting – 9/12/2024

Online via MS-Teams

Agency Updates

- NHDES – Annual National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program application submitted. Program offers funding for corridor and community funds, totaling ~\$15 million. DES appreciates support for help with application, particularly from Mike Mozer and the rest of NHDOT.
- EPA – No updates.
- FTA – No updates.
- FHWA – DOT submitted NEVI Formula Program update. Dept of Energy and Dept of Transportation to discuss update. Document could be shared with IAC (Leigh will check). Program must be updated annually.

Meeting adjourned at 1:24 PM.