NHDOT Natural Resource Agency Coordination Meeting Presentation Outline

The following outline is meant to provide suggestions on how to organize a presentation for the NHDOT Natural Resource Agency Coordination Meeting. Presentations should be tailored to meet the intended goal of the meeting, which should be specified on the Agenda Item Request form. A typical project review, including questions and answers, is approximately 15 minutes. Having a well-organized, concise presentation will save time at the meeting and will increase the likelihood of receiving helpful feedback from the resource agencies.

Introduction

- Describe the type of project (i.e. bridge replacement; intersection improvements; roadway rehabilitation, etc.).
- Provide a location map (high quality aerial imagery is often helpful) and describe project limits (include route number(s), exit number(s), and/or nearby landmarks or intersections).
- Provide a brief history of the project and what phase you are currently in. If the project has been presented at this meeting in the past, describe why you are back.
- Provide a timeline for the project (i.e. anticipated time for permit application submittal, advertising date, anticipated construction period, etc.).

Project Description

- Describe existing conditions, such as details of roadway and/or bridge; deficiencies/issues.
- What is the purpose of the project? (i.e. to improve safety; to improve traffic flow, etc.)
- What is the need for the project? (i.e. high accident rate, poor Level of Service, etc.)
- Summarize the alternatives that have been considered.
- Provide details on the proposed alternative (if one has been selected) and justification for the selection.

Environmental Resources

- Describe any environmental information known to date, including resources that have been identified and agencies that have already commented on project.
- Show resources clearly on plans wetlands, protected shoreland, sensitive species or natural communities (from the Natural Heritage Bureau), floodplain, stream crossings, Designated Rivers (photos of resources are often helpful).
- Describe anticipated impacts to rare species, floodplains, wetlands (including approximate wetland impacts if known) and why these impacts are necessary.
- Summarize proposed mitigation, if applicable, including all options that were considered for mitigation, if the Conservation Commission was contacted for input, and justification for the proposed mitigation plan.