

Notes from Interagency Meeting – 10/12/2023

Present:

William Rose (NHDOT)

Lucy St. John (NHDOT)

Bill Watson (NHDOT)

Glenn Davison (NHDOT)

Fred Butler (NHDOT)

Denise (NHDOT)

Tim Josephson (UVLSRPC)

Nate Miller (SNHPC)

David Tilton (SNHPC)

Sean Chamberlin (LRPC)

Nicholas Altonaga (NCC)

Kevin (NCC)

Colin Lentz (SRPC)

Matt Waitkins (NRPC)

David Walker (RPC)

Craig Tufts (CNHRPC)

J.B. Mack (SWRPC)

Jessica Wilcox (NHDES)

Erik Rackauskas (EPA Region 1)

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.