

NRPC

FY2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1

(TTAC Meeting May 10th, 2023)

TIP Amendment 1

Today's Discussion

- NHDOT TIP Amendment Thresholds
- Proposed project revisions
- NRPC Staff Recommendation
- Motion to recommend adoption by NRPC MPO Policy Committee

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TIP Revision Procedures – Amendment Thresholds

- Any change to a project that triggers an Air Quality Conformity Determination;
- Adding or removing a project or phase of a project;
- Making a substantive change in the design concept or scope of a project that uses state or federal funds or any regionally significant projects regardless of the funding source;
- A significant change (>25%) in the total cost of a project within STIP years;
- Officially adding a project that had been previously included for illustrative purposes.

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Regional Projects

- **Merrimack (10136D):** NH Route 101A; Safety improvements at NH 101A / Cont. Blvd & at Craftsman Lane / Boston Post Rd.
 - An amendment is required because of a significant increase (>25%) in the cost of the project within the 2023-2026 TIP years.
 - Current cost: \$4,828,374
 - Proposed cost: \$6,646,202
 - Cost increase = \$1,817,828 which represents an increase of 38%
 - Public comment received to date:
 - ... has any consideration been given to returning to the 3 lane section by PC Connection? I know there was pushback from the landowner about impacts to their parking lot. However, since COVID and the switch to hybrid / full-time work from home, the parking lot is virtually empty.

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- **Nashua-Hudson (42596):** Bridge Rehabilitation of 2 bridges owned by both Nashua & Hudson. BR #110/068 & 109/068.
 - These are the Taylor Falls/Veterans Memorial bridges that span the Merrimack River and connect downtown Hudson and Nashua.
 - An amendment is required because **this project is being added to the TIP.**
 - The City of Nashua and Town of Hudson are aware of this project and are in support of this Amendment.

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Regional Projects

- **Pelham (41751A) : NH128 & NH111A - Intersection Improvements (roundabout) at Mammoth (NH 128) and Marsh Rd (NH111A).**
 - This project is being added to the TIP through the public comment period by NRPC.
 - Pelham project #41751 originally included intersection improvements at NH128/Sherburne Road and NH128/NH111A (Marsh Road).
 - Project #41751 was split into two projects (41751 & 41751A) during the February Minor Revision to the (previous) FY2021-2024 TIP. This resulted in the following two projects:
 - Project # 41751; NH128 & Sherburne Rd – Intersection improvements @ NH128/Sherburne Rd.
 - Project# 41751A; NH128 & NH111A (Marsh Rd) - Intersection Improvements (roundabout) at Mammoth (NH 128) and Marsh Rd (NH111A).
 - NHDOT then rolled both projects into the FY2023-2026 S/TIP.
 - Project #41751A is not included in the FY2023-2026 NRPC TIP project list at this time and as a result needs to be added during this amendment process.
 - The Town of Pelham and NHDOT have been consulted and no issues have been raised.

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Statewide Projects

- **Statewide (44196):** Development of a Resilience Improvement Plan.
 - An amendment is required because **this project is being added to the TIP.**
 - This is a new funding program in the BIL/IIJA federal surface transportation legislation.
 - Program name: *Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT).*
 - Program purpose: *help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure.*
 - State Resiliency Improvement Plan: *intended to identify locations that are at risk for natural hazards (flooding prone portions of roadways or scour critical bridges for example) and identify projects that reduce or eliminate those potential impacts at those locations.*

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NRPC Staff Recommendation

- The proposed changes meet all applicable conformity requirements under the conformity rule.
- Public comment period posted through Tuesday, May 16th.
- Public hearing on Wednesday, May 17th at NRPC MPO meeting.
- *Action is required from the TTAC to recommend approval of proposed TIP Amendment 1 by the NRPC MPO at its May 17th meeting.*

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Discussion

Proposed Motion

- **The NRPC TTAC recommends adoption by the NRPC MPO of Amendment 1 to the FY2023 – 2026 NRPC TIP**

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Thank You!

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May Minor Revisions

Regional Projects

- This month's Minor Revisions include minor changes in project cost (<25%), changes in funding type, & moving funding between fiscal years to accommodate project schedules.
 - Amherst (40657) Thornton Ferry Road; Bridge Replacement-Thornton Ferry Road over Beaver Brook.
 - Amherst (42593) Amherst Rail Trail; Rail Trail between Baboosic Lake Road and Walnut Hill Road, located on abandoned RR ROW.
 - Brookline (40662) NH13; Construct southbound left turn lane onto Old Milford Rd.
 - Milford (42470) NH 101A & NH 13 Improvements to the "Oval" to improve traffic flow.
 - Nashua (16314) East Hollis St; Intersection improvements at East Hollis St and Bridge St.

May Minor Revisions

Regional Projects – continued...

- Nashua (41585) DW Highway pedestrian safety improvements from S/L to Stetson St.
- Nashua (43509) Installation of RRFB's, crosswalk visibility enhancements at various streets along Main St.
- Nash-Merr-Bedford (13761B) FEE Turnpike; Replace Wire Road and Baboosic Lake Road Bridges over FEET (Merrimack).
- Nash-Merr-Bedford (13761C) FEE Turnpike; widening in Merrimack of a 2-lane section from Exit 11 to south of Exit 13.
- Pelham (29450) Old Bridge Street over Beaver Brook; Bridge Rehab.