

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

**WHO:** Nashua Regional Planning Commission

**WHEN:** Wednesday – June 16, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** NRPC Conference Room, 30 Temple Street, Suite 310, Nashua, NH. If you are unable to attend in-person, you may participate remotely using the link below:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83789649558?pwd=RHFVWEN6NGRIK1A2dEtGTDJNS0Zldz09>

## **AGENDA**

7:00 pm - Call to Order

1. Welcome and Introductions (7:00)
2. Privilege of the Floor (7:05)
3. Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2021 (**action required**) (7:10)
4. Annual Business Meeting: (7:15)
  - a) FY 2022 Budget and Work Program (**action required**)
  - b) Annual Grant and Contract Authorization (**action required**)
  - c) Setting of FY 2023 Dues (**action required**)
  - d) Election of FY 2022 Executive Committee Officers (**action required**)
5. Election of FY 2022 NRPC Foundation Board Officers (**action required**): (7:45)
6. MPO Policy Committee (7:50)
  - a) Public Hearing: Approval of TIP Amendment #1 to the adopted Nashua Metropolitan Area 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). NRPC will also amend the 2019-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) project list and fiscal constraint analysis to maintain consistency with the amended TIP project list. (**Action Required**)
  - b) Presentation - Matt Waitkins: Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Update
  - c) Transportation Project Updates
7. General Updates: (8:25)
8. Commissioners Roundtable (8:30)
9. Adjourn (9:00)

***Next NRPC Commission Meeting: Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 7:00 pm***



**DRAFT – MINUTES  
NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
Held via Zoom  
March 17, 2021**

**Members Present:**

Susan Ruch, Amherst	Tim Berry, Mont Vernon
Tamara Sorell, Brookline	Janet Langdell, Milford
Robert Larmouth, Hollis	Sarah Marchant, Nashua
James Battis, Hudson	Dave Hennessey, Pelham
Kim Queenan, Litchfield	Hal Lynde, Pelham
Burton Reynolds, Lyndeborough	Peter Howd, Wilton
Karin Elmer, Merrimack	Kermit Williams, Wilton
Tim Tenhave, Merrimack	

**Others Present:**

William Rose, NHDOT  
Robin LeBlanc, Plan NH  
Jack Madden, Nashua Rail Transit Comm

**Staff Present:**

Jay Minkarah, Executive Director  
Sara Siskavich, Assistant Director  
Gregg Lantos, Principal Transportation Planner/MPO Coord.  
  
Matt Waitkins, Senior Transportation Planner  
Kate Lafond, Business Manager

**Welcome and Introductions**

Ruch opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. A roll call attendance was conducted.

**Privilege of the Floor**

No members of the public wished to speak.

**Approval of Minutes – December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Battis noted that Venu's presentation needs to be linked as stated in the draft minutes. Larmouth commented in the last paragraph, "electronic" should be changed to electric. Tenhave noted that "Hench" should be spelled Hinch.

Battis motioned to approve as amended with a second from Tenhave

THAT the minutes of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, be approved as amended and placed on file. A roll call vote was conducted. Peter Howd and Kermit Williams abstained.

The motion **carried**.

**Robin H. LeBlanc, Executive Director, Plan NH: Municipal Technical Assistance Grant (MTAG) Program**

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Minkarah introduced LeBlanc, Executive Director of Plan NH who was present to discuss a grant opportunity available. Minkarah added that Plan NH is a great organization that contributes to planning in New Hampshire. LeBlanc explained that Plan NH is an independent organization of and for NH communities as well as the planners, designers, and builders who shape them. LeBlanc went on to describe the Municipal Technical Assistance Grant Program (MTAG). The MTAG addresses the expanding need for places to live. The program is funded by NH Housing and is administered by Plan NH in partnership with UNH Coop Extension. The program has a Board of Advisors who help shape the program, review applications, interview applicants, and champion the program throughout the state.

LeBlanc informed the commission that the MTAG is for any incorporated NH municipality. Awards range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and are to be used for hiring planning consultants to assist with identifying the community needs with regards to places to live, review zoning and propose new zoning to address the community's needs. There is a 15% cash or in-kind match. Grant disbursements are reimbursements, simple monthly reporting, and community participation is required.

12 NH communities have already participated in the MTAG to date. LeBlanc continued to describe the process for submitting the applications which can take approximately 18 months. There is no deadline, but the community must demonstrate readiness for the process. LeBlanc directed people to visit [plannh.org](http://plannh.org) for more information and to reach out if they have a possible project in mind.

Tenhaven asked if Plan NH helps drive a project after the zoning changes are implemented. LeBlanc stated unfortunately not. The program helps facilitate the zoning changes to expanded housing options. Williams thanked LeBlanc for all that Plan NH does. Williams added that the community involvement and engagement are great and asked if there is a way for a larger demographic in the community to be engaged. LeBlanc noted that is a part of UNH Coop's role in this grant program process, adding that the goal is to maximize engagement. Madden noticed that 4 of the communities that have been awarded MTAG funds have passenger rail and asked if there is a correlation between intercity passenger rail and MTAG grant applications. LeBlanc believed it to be coincidental.

### **MPO Policy Committee**

#### **Approval of Minutes – Special MPO Policy Committee, February 24, 2021**

Tenhaven motioned to approve as written with a second from Battis

THAT the minutes of the February 24, 2021, Special MPO Policy Committee meeting, be approved as written and placed on file. A roll call vote was conducted. Tim Berry, Hal Lynde, and Kermit Williams abstained.

The motion **carried**.

#### **State of New Hampshire FY 2023 to 2032 Ten Year Transportation Plan project proposals**

Lantos presented a table of projects and conveyed that the list of projects was previously presented at the December MPO meeting, then the list was transmitted to NHDOT for their engineering review that resulted in 2 issues. The first was the Brookline project at the intersection of NH 13 and Mason Road the DOT cost estimate came back substantially larger than the municipal estimate so it had to be

removed. Lantos explained that low-cost alternatives were discussed with the town and NHDOT and through the TYP it will be asked that this project be taken up as an alternative funding program. The second issue was with the Merrimack pedestrian bridge over the Souhegan River, the initial comment has concerns with the launch location. Lantos explained that discussion with the town and NHDOT resulted in a revised comment that the design process should include an alternative analysis that considers all options. With the changes, adjustments were made to fully utilize the regional funding allocation. Lantos noted that Wilton has submitted their TYP project as a transportation alternative program. If selected under that program would free up TYP funds for other projects.

Williams motioned with a second from Sorell

THAT the presented list of projects be transmittal to NHDOT. A roll call vote was conducted. William Rose abstained

The motion **carried**.

#### CSX Acquisition of Pan Am Railways: status update and discussion of NRPC comment as an interested party

Minkarah noted that CSX has proposed to purchase Pam Am Railroad and we do have some interest in the future of the rail lines such as the capital corridor project, addressing safety concerns, and the restoration/expansion of freight. CSX has filed for approval with the surface transportation board. There will be an opportunity for public input. Minkarah asked whether it makes sense for NRPC to provide a comment. Ruch thinks it is great that this is on the agenda and would like NRPC to register as an interested party so that we receive notification of all filings. Ruch touched on some benefits of rail that are important to the region. Williams noted that there is an active line in Wilton and the operator has had difficulties dealing with Pam Am, so he is thrilled about the possibility of an active and engaged operator. Williams echoed several of the benefits of rail and added that keeping rail is a high priority in Wilton. Langdell asked if Minkarah reached out to Bennington railroad. Minkarah stated that he had not but noted that it was a good idea. Berry agreed that NRPC should file as an interested party. Marchant & Hennessey echoed everyone's comments particularly the safety concerns of the current rail. Madden talked about the most recent derailment and the support for this merger, there is much support, but MassDOT is opposed as it stands now. Ruch described the merger process for those present. Tenhave asked if other properties were included in this merger. Minkarah stated that he was unsure but believes there to be easements involved. Langdell clarified the NRPC is just an interested party with no opinion at this point. Minkarah confirmed this.

#### TAP Grant Applications

Waitkins presented the proposed transportation alternatives program, 7 communities in the region submitted letters of intent. Waitkins reviewed the projects proposed, totaling approximately \$4.7 million in federal funds. There are approximately \$5.4 federal funds available. Statewide 43 letters of intent were submitted to NHDOT totaling approximately \$29.6 million so this is a very competitive program. Waitkins previewed the review and approval schedule provided by NHDOT.

#### Transportation Project Updates

Lantos noted that NRPC is in the home stretch for completing the Interregional Transit Study, Congestion Management Process, and the Regional Bicycle Pedestrian Plan. Upcoming RSMS

projects in Lyndeborough and Merrimack will commence in the spring. In the next UPWP cycle, we will be working on the FEE Turnpike Exit 12 study, delayed from 2020 due to COVID-19.

### **Project Updates**

#### **Regional COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan**

Minkarah reviewed the project scope of the grant awarded by the EDA for a Regional COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan. Key areas include leveraging regional opportunity zones, fostering entrepreneurship, and relaunching/redefining retail, service, and hospitality. Minkarah added that they will be forming a steering committee to guide this process. The study also includes GIS and community outreach work.

### **General Updates**

Minkarah updated that the non-profit has been registered with the State of NH and filed for 501(c)3 with the IRS. Minkarah added that there is one more filing with the Attorney Generals' office as well and went on to discuss the board composition. There are two open members at large seats to be filled.

### **Commissioners Roundtable**

Milford – Langdell informed that voters in Milford voted down the match to two sidewalk projects.

Hudson – Battis noted that the town just had town meeting, everything was approved except the general fund and the rehabilitation of the high school.

Merrimack – Tenhave indicated that they just wrapped up their deliberative session and town voting will be held in April. Merrimack is trying to shut down Saint-Gobain. Tenhave also commented that Merrimack is experiencing an increased use in recreation and conservation areas but a reduction in volunteers to maintain those areas and wondered if other towns were experiencing the same. A few towns raised their hands indicating similar experiences.

Litchfield – Queenan thanked NRPC for helping update the master plan and capital improvements plan. Queenan added that on Rt 3A there is a proposal for a 64-unit multifamily housing. Queenan also informed that she and her husband will be opening a vineyard on Rt 3A as well.

Amherst – Ruch noted that because of COVID the deliberative and town election have been delayed to May and June.

Wilton – Williams commented that affordable and available housing is a real issue in NH he would like to see NRPC more involved in housing in our region. Wilton's largest employer is closing this will create a vacant mill building, looking to have someone turn it into housing. Williams thinks this would be great for Wilton and the region.

Mont Vernon - Berry stated that town meeting dates will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in June. NRPC will be helping the town with revising its wetland ordinance.

Brookline - Sorell echoed Williams comments regarding affordable and available housing, noting that there is local vitriol regarding workforce housing and petition warrant articles which is contrary to what we are all trying to do here and perhaps a violation of the workforce housing statute.

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Pelham – Hennessey noted that there is a 90+ workforce housing project proposed in Pelham. He is a proponent of workforce housing and feels the town ZBA's are a bit abandoned by the state in part by the distraction of COVID but there is no guidance from the state.

Pelham – Lynde informed that the town has an active forestry committee and has acquired about 2000 acres of conservation land with great trail systems. A subcommittee has been appointed to help maintain the trails. Lynde continued that the town meeting results were favorable including school renovations. There is also one bridge project left and it is in process. Also, two major intersections have major backups during rush hour, the state is contributing nothing financially to these but is holding up the approval. Lynde added that the town is also in the process of updating the master plan.

Lyndeborough – Reynolds noted that things are quiet, but the budget was down so everything passed at the town meeting.

Nashua – Marchant commented that the city's budget is in a difficult place this year, but things are rock n rolling which is helping to offset the tax base. There are or will be two new faces, one is Matt Sullivan the new Planning Director for the city and there will be a new Transit Administrator to replace Camille Pattison. Marchant noted that the master plan update community outreach component has been going very well despite COVID.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Tenhave with a second from Lynde. The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Minkarah, Executive Director

REVENUE		FY21 Adopted	FY22 Proposed	Difference
<b>2000 Local Dues</b>				
2000 Local Dues		\$ 163,000	\$ 163,000	\$ -
<b>Federal Contracts</b>				
	9011 EPA Brownfields Grant	\$ 162,000	\$ 29,500	\$ (132,500)
	9055 EDA Grant	\$ 12,654	\$ -	\$ (12,654)
	9056 EDA COVID Recovery Plan	\$ -	\$ 92,951	\$ 92,951
<i>Total Federal Contracts</i>		\$ 174,654	\$ 122,451	\$ (52,203)
<b>Grants</b>				
	XXXX Robinson Pond Mgmt Plan	\$ -	\$ 19,580	\$ 19,580
	6300 NRSWMD - HHW	\$ 216,605	\$ 235,215	\$ 18,610
	9006 Lower Merrimack River Corr Mgmt	\$ -	\$ 9,193	\$ 9,193
	9082 HSEM Hazard Mit.	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ (20,000)
<i>Total Grants</i>		\$ 236,605	\$ 263,988	\$ 27,383
<b>Local Planning Contracts</b>				
	100 - Electricity/Energy			\$ -
	200 - Special Projects			\$ -
	300 - GIS/Tax mapping			\$ -
	400 - Municipal Services			\$ -
	XXXX Amherst Heritage Comm Mapping	\$ -	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200
	2139 Hudson CR	\$ -	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
	2143 Hudson Regulatory Audit	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
	2150 Mason CR	\$ 5,040	\$ 6,500	\$ 1,460
	2176 Hollis Asset Mgmt Support	\$ 3,600	\$ 1,800	\$ (1,800)
	2250 Litchfield CR	\$ 18,000	\$ 15,000	\$ (3,000)
	2361 MVD GIS	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200	\$ -
	2532 Nashua Con Comm CR	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
	2534 Nashua Ped/Bike Transport Study	\$ 6,500	\$ -	\$ (6,500)
	2552 Pelham Natural Resources	\$ -	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900
	2556 Pelham CIP	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ (2,000)
	2561 Pelham Buildout Study	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
	2566 Pelham Senior Needs Assess	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	2610 Wilton CR	\$ 18,000	\$ 24,500	\$ 6,500
	2640 Wilton MP 4	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,500	\$ (4,500)
	7516 NH Housing - GIS Support	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ (1,500)
<i>Total Local Planning Contracts</i>		\$ 69,340	\$ 80,700	\$ 11,360
<b>Other Income</b>				
	8000 Pubs/Map Sales	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -
	Interest Income	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000	\$ (2,000)
<i>Total Other Income</i>		\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	\$ (2,000)
<b>State Contracts</b>				
	1000 OSI TBG	\$ 11,111	\$ 11,111	\$ -
	1200 NH GEO Portal	\$ 40,000	\$ 18,000	\$ (22,000)
	3000 DOT Highway Planning			
	100 MPO ADMIN & TRAINING	\$ 40,595	\$ 69,750	\$ 29,155
	200 POLICY & PLANNING	\$ 217,544	\$ 178,493	\$ (39,050)
	300 PUBLIC INVOLV & COORD	\$ 47,523	\$ 57,600	\$ 10,077
	400 PLAN SUPPORT	\$ 263,237	\$ 266,400	\$ 3,164
	500 TECHNICAL ASSIST & SUPPORT	\$ 126,871	\$ 161,775	\$ 34,904
	600 5305e Study	\$ 50,346	\$ 26,820	\$ (23,526)
3000 DOT Highway Planning		\$ 746,115	\$ 760,838	\$ 14,723

REVENUE		FY21 Adopted	FY22 Proposed	Difference
	3500 DOT 5310 SVTC	\$ 206,140	\$ 240,039	\$ 33,899
	4430 CTAP	\$ 21,944	\$ 26,595	\$ 4,651
<i>Total State Contracts</i>		\$ 1,025,310	\$ 1,056,583	\$ 31,273
<b>Total RESOURCES</b>		\$ 1,674,910	\$ 1,690,723	\$ 15,813
EXPENSE		FY20 Adopted	FY21 Working	
Annual Forum		\$ 4,890	\$ 6,700	\$ 1,810
Audit		\$ 16,250	\$ 16,250	\$ -
Bank Service Charges		\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
Capital Equipment		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Dues & Subscriptions		\$ 7,410	\$ 8,129	\$ 719
Employee Benefits				
	C Dental Insurance	\$ 7,614	\$ 7,128	\$ (486)
	C Health Ins.	\$ 67,340	\$ 63,997	\$ (3,344)
	C HSA Contribution	\$ 4,375	\$ 3,750	\$ (625)
	C LTD Insurance	\$ 1,166	\$ 1,193	\$ 27
	C Retirement 401	\$ 24,715	\$ 26,570	\$ 1,855
	C STD Insurance	\$ 2,643	\$ 3,122	\$ 479
	P/R Taxes (Indirect)	\$ 55,351	\$ 60,158	\$ 4,807
<i>Total Employee Benefits</i>		\$ 163,204	\$ 165,917	\$ 2,714
Equipment Maintenance		\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	\$ -
GIS		\$ 17,700	\$ 17,700	\$ -
Insurance		\$ 11,870	\$ 10,154	\$ (1,716)
Internet Access/Telephone		\$ 8,400	\$ 8,800	\$ 400
IT Service		\$ 5,930	\$ 5,921	\$ (9)
Janitorial		\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300	\$ -
Legal Notices		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Legal		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -
Marketing and Outreach		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -
Misc		\$ 12,264	\$ 13,534	\$ 1,270
Office Expenses		\$ 11,302	\$ 13,522	\$ 2,220
Postage		\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ -
Printing		\$ 6,650	\$ 6,650	\$ -
Professional Services		\$ 515,440	\$ 467,460	\$ (47,980)
Rent & CAM		\$ 89,375	\$ 94,035	\$ 4,660
Reserve Fund		\$ 23,015	\$ 16,004	\$ (7,011)
Salaries		\$ 723,545	\$ 786,381	\$ 62,836
Small Equipment		\$ 5,950	\$ 4,950	\$ (1,000)
Staff Development		\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ -
Meeting Expenses		\$ 2,300	\$ 1,500	\$ (800)
Mileage and Travel		\$ 8,500	\$ 6,000	\$ (2,500)
Vehicle Expenses		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Utilities		\$ 10,600	\$ 10,800	\$ 200
Depreciation		\$ 2,715	\$ 2,715	\$ -
		\$ 1,674,910	\$ 1,690,722	\$ 15,813





## **ANNUAL GRANT AND CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION FY 2022**

On an annual basis, the full Commission must affirm that the Executive Director is authorized to file applications, sign contracts and implement the annual work program.

**Proposed Motion:** THAT the Executive Director be authorized to file applications with federal, state and local governmental units and other agencies to implement the FY 2022 work program of the Commission, and to execute agreements to receive funds for such purposes.



## PROPOSED NRPC FY 2023 LOCAL DUES ASSESSMENT

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Municipality	2018 Estimated Population	% of Region	2019 Equalized Valuation	% of Region	Combined %	Adopted FY 22 163,000	Proposed FY 22 163,000
Amherst	11,545	5.43%	2,012,488,885	6.91%	6.17%	\$10,063	\$10,063
Brookline	5,355	2.52%	690,911,393	2.37%	2.45%	\$3,989	\$3,989
Hollis	7,901	3.72%	1,536,007,510	5.28%	4.50%	\$7,331	\$7,331
Hudson	25,458	11.98%	3,448,934,840	11.85%	11.92%	\$19,422	\$19,422
Litchfield	8,636	4.06%	1,062,570,238	3.65%	3.86%	\$6,288	\$6,288
Lyndeborough	1,726	0.81%	216,341,414	0.74%	0.78%	\$1,268	\$1,268
Mason	1,421	0.67%	181,379,597	0.62%	0.65%	\$1,053	\$1,053
Merrimack	25,747	12.12%	3,934,747,937	13.52%	12.82%	\$20,893	\$20,893
Milford	15,864	7.47%	1,762,723,343	6.06%	6.76%	\$11,021	\$11,021
Mont Vernon	2,545	1.20%	315,752,008	1.08%	1.14%	\$1,860	\$1,860
Nashua	88,706	41.75%	11,499,464,127	39.50%	40.63%	\$66,224	\$66,224
Pelham	13,824	6.51%	1,986,103,790	6.82%	6.66%	\$10,864	\$10,864
Wilton	3,725	1.75%	462,515,957	1.59%	1.67%	\$2,724	\$2,724
<b>Region</b>	<b>212,453</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>29,109,941,039</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$163,000</b>	<b>163,000</b>

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** NRPC MPO Policy Committee  
**FROM:** Matt Waitkins, Transportation Planner  
**SUBJECT:** 2021 – 2024 TIP Amendment #1  
**DATE:** June 11, 2021

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) has received proposed Amendment #1 to the adopted Nashua Metropolitan Area 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NH DOT). The NRPC is expected to amend the TIP to account for changes to projects within the Nashua region and to maintain consistency with the Statewide TIP (STIP). The NRPC would also amend the 2021 – 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) project list and fiscal constraint analysis to maintain consistency with the amended TIP project list.

A public comment period is being held from June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup> and a virtual public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021** at 7:00 PM via Zoom online access at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83789649558?pwd=RHFVWEN6NGRIK1A2dEtGTDJNS0Zldz09>

or by phone: +1 929 205 6099

**ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION**

The most significant project change is a delay of two years in construction for F.E.E. Turnpike widening in Merrimack (Project 13761C). NRPC has conferred with NHDOT regarding the impact of loss of toll revenue systemwide due to COVID-induced traffic reductions over the past year and concurs with the need to delay this project and understands that other turnpike projects are being affected in a similar manner.

The change to the Bedford toll plaza (Project 16100) means that removing “Open Road Tolling” as a possible alternative eliminates cash collection of tolls as an alternative to electronic toll collection. This may present some minor inconvenience to motorists without electronic transponders who will then receive notice of tolls due through the mail. However, it will provide a significantly more cost-effective means of toll collection and will encourage motorists to utilize transponders rather than post-paying tolls.

Changes to NTS funding resulted from split negotiations between the Nashua Transit System and other transit operators sharing formula funds for the Nashua Urbanized Area, and therefore represent the desired outcome of this process.

Changes to statewide programs are administrative in nature and reflect changes needed to fund “child” projects which are developed from these programs.

The proposed changes made by Amendment #1 to the NRPC TIP and MTP Update meet all applicable conformity requirements under the conformity rule. The attached TIP Amendment details these requirements and the adopted FY 2021-2024 TIP identifies NRPC actions to meet these requirements.

The NRPC TTAC recommended at its June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting that the NRPC MPO approve TIP Amendment #1.

Action is required from the NRPC MPO Policy Committee to approve the proposed TIP amendment at the June 16<sup>th</sup> MPO meeting. NRPC staff has reviewed this amendment in consultation with the NHDOT, NHDES, US EPA, FHWA, FTA and representatives of the NH MPOs, and recommend approving the amendment changes.

*Note: Nashua Transit System, which is the FTA Section 5307(c) applicant, has consulted with the MPO and concurs that the public involvement process adopted by the MPO for the development of the TIP satisfies the public hearing requirements that pertain to the development of the Program of Projects for regular Section 5307, Urbanized Area Formula Program, grant applications, including the provision for public notice and the time established for public review and comment.*

## **SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO PROJECTS**

### **NRPC Region Projects:**

- **Bedford – Merrimack (16100):** Improvement to the Bedford mainline toll plaza to institute All Electronic Tolling (AET)
  - The project description has been modified to narrow the alternative to AET.
  - PE funds added for FY 2021-2022
  - Construction is moved from FY 2021 to FY 2023-2024. This reflects changes to the AET design cost and impact of COVID-induced toll revenue loss.
- **Nashua - Bedford - Merrimack (13761C):** F.E.E. Turnpike widening in Merrimack from Exit 11 to south of Exit 13.
  - Construction is moved from FY 2023-2024 to FY 2025 – 2028 and therefore falls outside of the current STIP time frame. This delay matches the Turnpike Capital Program Model, which has been impacted by COVID-induced toll revenue loss. The revised construction schedule is shown in the following table, per the pending New Hampshire Ten Year Transportation Plan update and incorporated into the draft NRPC Metropolitan Transportation Plan Minor Update:

#### **NASHUA - MERRIMACK - BEDFORD (13761C)**

**Facility:** F.E. Everett Turnpike

**Scope:** FE Everett Turnpike widening in Merrimack of a 2-lane section from Exit 11 to south of Exit 13.

Phase	FY	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding Sources
CON	2025	\$0	\$21,727,479	\$0	\$21,727,479	Turnpike Capital
CON	2026	\$0	\$22,335,848	\$0	\$22,335,848	Turnpike Capital
CON	2027	\$0	\$22,961,252	\$0	\$22,961,252	Turnpike Capital
CON	2028	\$0	\$23,416,740	\$0	\$23,416,740	Turnpike Capital
<b>MTP Total:</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$90,441,319</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$90,441,319</b>	

- **Nashua Transit System (NTS 5310):** Traditional/Non-Traditional 5310 projects improving mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities.
  - The federal apportionment has been revised based on: 1) negotiations with the Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transportation (CART) and Lowell Regional Transit Authority (LRTA); and 2) added federal carryover funding.
- **Nashua Transit System (NTS 5339):** FTA formula funds for bus and bus related equipment and facilities capital projects.
  - The federal apportionment has been revised based on: 1) negotiations with CART and LRTA; 2) added federal carryover funding; 3) updated splits based on anticipated funding uses.

**Statewide Projects:**

- **PROGRAM (FTA5339):** Capital bus and bus facilities
  - Funds are increased to accommodate necessary changes in child project fund amounts.
- **PROGRAM (LTAP):** Local Technology Assistance Program administered by the Technology Transfer Center at UNH
  - No changes in funding or scope. The project phase is identified as Other rather than SPR.
- **PROGRAM (TSMO):** Transportation Systems Management and Operations providing ITS technologies and traveler information.
  - Funds are increased to accommodate necessary changes in child project fund amounts.

**The full TIP Amendment is shown on the following pages:**

# Revision Report

Pending Approval

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5/13/2021

## Approved Dollars

### BEDFORD - MERRIMACK (16100)

All Project Cost: \$16,216,785

Route/Road/Entity: F.E. EVERETT TPK

Scope: Improvement to Bedford Mainline Toll Plaza to Institute Open Road or All Electronic Tolling

Phase	Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding
Construction	2021	\$0	\$4,007,797	\$0	\$4,007,797	Turnpike Capital
		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,007,797</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,007,797</b>	

Regionally Significant: Yes

Managed By: DOT

CAA Code: E-7

RPC: NRPC, SNHPC

## Proposed Dollars

### BEDFORD - MERRIMACK (16100)

All Project Cost: \$13,056,568

Route/Road/Entity: F.E. EVERETT TPK

Scope: Improvement to Bedford Mainline Toll Plaza to Institute All Electronic Tolling

Phase	Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding
PE	2021	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	Turnpike Capital
PE	2022	\$0	\$800,000	\$0	\$800,000	Turnpike Capital
Construction	2023	\$0	\$8,738,000	\$0	\$8,738,000	Turnpike Capital
Construction	2024	\$0	\$2,113,568	\$0	\$2,113,568	Turnpike Capital
		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,671,568</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,671,568</b>	

Regionally Significant: Yes

Managed By: DOT

CAA Code: E-7

RPC: NRPC, SNHPC

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Project is being removed from the STIP.

## Approved Dollars

### NASHUA-MERRIMACK-BEDFORD (13761C)

All Project Cost: \$89,104,792

Route/Road/Entity: FE Everett Turnpike

Scope: FE Everett Turnpike widening in Merrimack of a 2-lane section from Exit 11 to south of Exit 13.

Phase	Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding
Construction	2023	\$0	\$27,989,651	\$0	\$27,989,651	Turnpike Capital
Construction	2024	\$0	\$34,590,364	\$0	\$34,590,364	Turnpike Capital
		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$62,580,015</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$62,580,015</b>	

Regionally Significant: Yes

Managed By: DOT

CAA Code: N/E

RPC: NRPC

Project is being removed from the STIP.

## Proposed Dollars

### NASHUA-MERRIMACK-BEDFORD (13761C)

All Project Cost: \$90,441,319

Route/Road/Entity: FE Everett Turnpike

Scope: No Change

Phase	Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Regionally Significant: Yes

Managed By: DOT

CAA Code: N/E

RPC: NRPC

**CONSTRUCTION IS MOVED TO 2025-2028**

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## Approved Dollars

### PROGRAM (FTA5339)

All Project Cost: \$92,387,523

Route/Road/Entity: Various

Scope: Capital bus and bus facilities - FTA 5339 Program for statewide public transportation

Phase	Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding
Other	2021	\$5,385,657	\$673,207	\$673,207	\$6,732,071	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, Other, State of New Hampshire
Other	2022	\$5,471,364	\$683,921	\$683,921	\$6,839,206	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, Other, State of New Hampshire
Other	2023	\$4,458,509	\$557,314	\$557,314	\$5,573,136	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, Other, State of New Hampshire
Other	2024	\$4,547,679	\$568,460	\$568,460	\$5,684,599	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, Other, State of New Hampshire
		<b>\$19,863,209</b>	<b>\$2,482,901</b>	<b>\$2,482,901</b>	<b>\$24,829,011</b>	

Regionally Significant: No

Managed By: DOT

CAA Code: E-30

RPC: Undetermined

## Proposed Dollars

### PROGRAM (FTA5339)

All Project Cost: \$140,625,231

Route/Road/Entity: Various

Scope: No Change

Phase	Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding
Other	2021	\$7,642,564	\$955,321	\$955,321	\$9,553,205	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, Other, State of New Hampshire
Other	2022	\$7,725,415	\$965,677	\$965,677	\$9,656,769	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, Other, State of New Hampshire
Other	2023	\$7,809,923	\$976,240	\$976,240	\$9,762,404	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, Other, State of New Hampshire
Other	2024	\$4,396,122	\$549,515	\$549,515	\$5,495,153	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, Other, State of New Hampshire
		<b>\$27,574,025</b>	<b>\$3,446,753</b>	<b>\$3,446,753</b>	<b>\$34,467,531</b>	

Regionally Significant: No

Managed By: DOT

CAA Code: E-30

RPC: Undetermined



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## Approved Dollars

### PROGRAM (LTAP)

All Project Cost: \$2,500,000

Route/Road/Entity: Local Technology Assistance Program

Scope: Local Techonolgy Assistance Program (LTAP) administered by the Technology Transfer Center @ UNH

Phase	Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding
SPR	2021	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	Local Tech Assistance Program
SPR	2022	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	Local Tech Assistance Program
SPR	2023	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	Local Tech Assistance Program
SPR	2024	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	Local Tech Assistance Program
		<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	

Regionally Significant: No

Managed By: DOT

CAA Code: E-35

RPC: Undetermined

## Proposed Dollars

### PROGRAM (LTAP)

All Project Cost: \$2,800,000

Route/Road/Entity: Local Technology Assistance Program

Scope: No Change

Phase	Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding
Other	2021	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	Local Tech Assistance Program
Other	2022	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	Local Tech Assistance Program
Other	2023	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	Local Tech Assistance Program
Other	2024	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	Local Tech Assistance Program
		<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	

Regionally Significant: No

Managed By: DOT

CAA Code: E-35

RPC: Undetermined

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## Approved Dollars

### PROGRAM (NTS5310)

All Project Cost: \$1,504,269

Route/Road/Entity: Nashua Transit System (NTS)

Scope: Traditional/NonTraditional 5310 Projects Improving Mobility of Seniors & Individuals w/Disabilities

Phase	Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding
Other	2021	\$91,947	\$0	\$22,987	\$114,934	FTA 5310 Capital Program, Other
Other	2022	\$87,786	\$0	\$21,946	\$109,732	FTA 5310 Capital Program, Other
Other	2023	\$89,542	\$0	\$22,385	\$111,927	FTA 5310 Capital Program, Other
Other	2024	\$91,332	\$0	\$22,833	\$114,165	FTA 5310 Capital Program, Other
		<b>\$360,606</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$90,152</b>	<b>\$450,758</b>	

Regionally Significant: No    Managed By: Muni/Local    CAA Code: E-30    RPC: NRPC

## Proposed Dollars

### PROGRAM (NTS5310)

All Project Cost: \$2,701,011

Route/Road/Entity: Nashua Transit System (NTS)

Scope: No Change

Phase	Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding
Other	2021	\$225,508	\$0	\$56,377	\$281,885	FTA 5310 Capital Program, Other
Other	2022	\$138,071	\$0	\$34,518	\$172,589	FTA 5310 Capital Program, Other
Other	2023	\$140,833	\$0	\$35,208	\$176,041	FTA 5310 Capital Program, Other
Other	2024	\$143,650	\$0	\$35,912	\$179,562	FTA 5310 Capital Program, Other
		<b>\$648,062</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$162,015</b>	<b>\$810,077</b>	

Regionally Significant: No    Managed By: Muni/Local    CAA Code: E-30    RPC: NRPC

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## Approved Dollars

### PROGRAM (NTS5339)

All Project Cost: \$1,808,595

Route/Road/Entity: Nashua Transit System (NTS)

Scope: FTA 5339 Formula Funds for Bus & Bus Related Equipment & Facilities Capital Projects

Phase	Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding
Other	2021	\$83,262	\$7,347	\$7,347	\$97,955	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, NH Highway Fund, Other
Other	2022	\$84,927	\$7,494	\$7,494	\$99,914	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, NH Highway Fund, Other
Other	2023	\$86,625	\$7,643	\$7,643	\$101,912	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, NH Highway Fund, Other
Other	2024	\$88,358	\$7,796	\$7,796	\$103,950	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, NH Highway Fund, Other
		<b>\$343,172</b>	<b>\$30,280</b>	<b>\$30,280</b>	<b>\$403,731</b>	

Regionally Significant: No    Managed By: Muni/Local    CAA Code: E-31    RPC: NRPC

## Proposed Dollars

### PROGRAM (NTS5339)

All Project Cost: \$3,227,143

Route/Road/Entity: Nashua Transit System (NTS)

Scope: No Change

Phase	Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding
Other	2021	\$367,264	\$0	\$91,816	\$459,080	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, Other
Other	2022	\$133,591	\$0	\$33,398	\$166,989	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, Other
Other	2023	\$136,263	\$0	\$34,066	\$170,329	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, Other
Other	2024	\$138,989	\$0	\$34,747	\$173,736	FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, Other
		<b>\$776,107</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$194,027</b>	<b>\$970,134</b>	

Regionally Significant: No    Managed By: Muni/Local    CAA Code: E-31    RPC: NRPC

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## Approved Dollars

### PROGRAM (TSMO)

All Project Cost: \$6,675,000

Route/Road/Entity: Transportation Systems Management and Operations

Scope: Statewide Transportation Systems Management and Operations, ITS Technologies, Traveler Info

Phase	Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding
Other	2021	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	National Highway Performance, STBG-State Flexible, Toll Credit
Other	2022	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	National Highway Performance, STBG-State Flexible, Toll Credit
Other	2023	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	National Highway Performance, STBG-State Flexible, Toll Credit
Other	2024	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	National Highway Performance, STBG-State Flexible, Toll Credit
		<b>\$1,400,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,400,000</b>	

Regionally Significant: No

Managed By: DOT

CAA Code: E-7

RPC: Undetermined

## Proposed Dollars

### PROGRAM (TSMO)

All Project Cost: \$13,875,000

Route/Road/Entity: Transportation Systems Management and Operations

Scope: No Change

Phase	Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding
Other	2021	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	National Highway Performance, STBG-State Flexible, Toll Credit
Other	2022	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	National Highway Performance, STBG-State Flexible, Toll Credit
Other	2023	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	National Highway Performance, STBG-State Flexible, Toll Credit
Other	2024	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	National Highway Performance, STBG-State Flexible, Toll Credit
		<b>\$2,700,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,700,000</b>	

Regionally Significant: No

Managed By: DOT

CAA Code: E-7

RPC: Undetermined

### Proposed Dollars

#### STATEWIDE (42473)

All Project Cost: \$378,174

Route/Road/Entity: Signal Repairs-Various Intersections

Scope: No Change

Phase	Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	Funding
Construction	2021	\$0	\$139,702	\$0	\$139,702	Betterment, Turnpike Renewal & Replacement
		\$0	\$139,702	\$0	\$139,702	

Regionally Significant: Yes

Managed By: DOT

CAA Code: E-7

RPC: NRPC, RPC, SNHPC, SRPC, UVLSRPC