# Interagency Notes – October 13, 2022

Note taker: Dave Walker, Rockingham Planning Commission

Meeting Start: 1:00 PM Meeting End: 1:30 PM

#### **Roll Call of Attending Members**

UVLSRPC: Andrea Cass

RPC: Dave Walker

NRPC: Matt Waitkins

CNHRPC: Craig Tufts

NHDES: Tim White

SRPC: Colin Lentz

EPA: Eric Rackauskas

SNHPC: Nate Miller & Carl Eppich

FHWA: Leigh Levine

NHDOT: Linda Wescott, Kim Rummo, Lucy St.

John, Fred Butler, William Rose

**October Minor Revision:** Questions were raised before the meeting regarding the removal of TAP projects from the TIP/STIP. The reason that the project were listed individually is that they included Non-Par funds and the TAP Programmatic listing did not. The September revision added Non-par funding to the programmatic allowing the individual projects to be included in the listing, so they are being rolled back in. They remain active projects.

J.B. Mack rejoined the meeting and there was much rejoicing

# **Agency Updates**

- EPA No updates
- NHDES Round 2 of Clean Diesel program is underway. Proposals are due November 1<sup>st</sup>. A list of
  proposal rankings from the Volkswagen DC Fast Charging RPF was released last week. More
  information is coming soon.
- FHWA Reconnecting Communities Program applications are due today. State NEVI plans were
  approved and States can now access those funds. NOFO for culvert replacement program has been
  released. New FHWA Truck Parking Development Handbook has been released. New State Freight
  Plan requirements under the BIL have been released. PROTECT program funding webinars are on
  10/18 and 10/24 they will cover the formula funds only. A link to the recording of the Carbon
  Reduction Program webinar was recently sent out.

## Other Business

 Fred Butler, NHDOT – Next round of FTA 5305e planning grants will be going out in the near future (November/December). He has asked transit agencies to reach out to the RPCs for discussion of potential planning projects.

Next Monthly Meeting November 10, 2022

# Notes from Interagency Meeting – 11/10/22

# **Present:**

William Rose (NHDOT)
Kim Rummo (NHDOT)
Fred Butler (NHDOT)
Glenn Davison (NHDOT)
Linda Wescott (NHDOT)
Tim White (NHDES)
Ricky DiCillo (NHDES)
Nate Miller (SNHPC)
Carl Eppich (SNHPC)
Andrea Cass (UVLSRPC)

Sean Chamberlin (LRPC)
Colin Lentz (SRPC)
Nick Altonaga (NCC)
Matt Waitkins (NRPC)
Dave Walker (RPC)
Leigh Levine (FHWA NH Division)
Leah Sirmin (FTA Region 1)
Ari Ofsevit (FTA Region 1)

#### **Roll Call**

William Rose conducted a roll call of attending members.

# **November Minor Revisions**

• There were no questions or comments on the proposed November minor revisions.

# **STIP Update Calendar Schedule**

- William Rose shared the TIP Update calendar schedule with dates for the RPCs adoption. The schedule is expected to be distributed to interagency members next week.
- Nate Miller explained that SNHPC's schedule is challenging, but that he is currently working with the Department on creative thinking to meet the schedule.
- David Walker expressed that RPC is stretched thin with everything required this winter and that
  the STIP schedule puts a lot on its plate. He felt that the RPCs are often pressed by the DOT for
  their timelines and workload.
- Glenn Davidson expressed that the schedule is aggressive, however it is this way related to the Amendment #2 timeline and schedule.
- Leigh Levine explained that the FHWA has some flexibility in STIP updates public comment periods. FHWA can more easily expedite the process for the Amendment process.
- Colin Lentz asked if DOT would know in advance which projects will be in the Amendment.
   William Rose said no, because one process must be completed before another is started (STIP procedures and data management).

# **Agency Updates**

Leah FTA USDOT – Justice40 US DOT is having a webinar week from today with Secretary Buttigieg
 A new guide and tool is out and here: <a href="https://www.transportation.gov/equity-Justice40">https://www.transportation.gov/equity-Justice40</a>

- Tim White DES The DES has initiated a 3<sup>rd</sup> round solicitation for Clean Diesel. The DES approved about 10 proposals in round 2. Proposals for Round 3 are due Jan 1. All info is available on the DES website or contact Ricky. <a href="https://www.des.nh.gov/business-and-community/loans-and-grants/dera">https://www.des.nh.gov/business-and-community/loans-and-grants/dera</a>
- Tim White first contract for DC Fast Charger grants (DCFC) were approved by Governor and Council for one to be located at the general store in Errol, NH. More approved locations and grants are anticipated before the end of the year. This is Tim's Last Interagency Meeting and he stated that he has enjoyed working with the group and all the RPCs and partners over the years.
- Tim White reported that contracts resulting from the most recent State Clean Diesel Program solicitation will be going to the Governor and Council in the coming months.
- Leigh Levine reminded everyone that he emailed out some info went out for their December 6teh webinar. See the Public Involvement Virtual seminar email from Leigh or <a href="https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/everydaycounts/edc-6/virtual-public involvement.cfm">https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/everydaycounts/edc-6/virtual-public involvement.cfm</a>
- Leigh also sent out via email information about the new HSIP Vulnerable Road User assessment requirement. <a href="https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/2022-10/VRU%20Safety%20Assessment%20Guidance%20FINAL\_508.pdf">https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/2022-10/VRU%20Safety%20Assessment%20Guidance%20FINAL\_508.pdf</a>
- Leigh mentioned that at the November Planning For Performance NH (PFPNH) meeting last week, he had sent out sent out some NH specific Planning Emphasis Areas (went to EDs of RPCs). This is guidance for 2024-25 UPWPs and STR programs and link to National Emphasis areas.
- Leigh reminded attendees that the Annual List of Obligated Project, MPOs have posted by the end of December.
- A consolidated Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the National Infrastructure Project
  Assistance Program (Mega), Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects
  (INFRA), and Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (Rural) has been released. The
  application deadline is May 23, 2022.
- Leigh Levine reported that U.S. DOT has released a calendar that lists all of the anticipated 2022 NOFOs. He noted that he has distributed this information to interagency members by e-mail.

# **Other Business**

None

The next Interagency Consultation conference call will be held on December, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

# January 12, 2023

Friday, January 13, 2023 1:16 PM

Notes compiled by Jessica Wilcox (NHDES)

Interagency Conference Remote via MS-Teams NHDOT | 7 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH January 12, 2023, at 1:00 pm Agenda

- Roll Call of Attending Members In attendance:
  - Andrea Cass (Upper Valley Lake Sunapee RPC)
  - Federick Butler (NH DOT Rail & Transit)
  - Carl Eppich (Southern NHPC)
  - Colin Lentz (Strafford RPC)
  - David Walker (Rockingham PC)
  - J.B. Mack (Southwest RPC)
  - Leigh Levine (FHWA)
  - Matt Waitkins (NRPC)
  - Nate Miller (Southern NHPC)
  - Nicholas Altonaga (North Country Council)
  - Eric Rackauskas (EPA)
  - William Rose (NH DOT facilitator)
  - Sean Chamberlin (Lakes RPC)
  - Leah Sirmin (FTA)
  - Lucy St. John (NH DOT)
  - Bill Watson (NH DOT)
  - Jessica Wilcox (NHDES)
- January Minor Revision
  - No questions or comments regarding the January Minor Revision
- Review of IAC materials provided by NHDOT
  - Intending to have a more in-depth conversation/tutorial on materials provided each month on the interagency mailing – will put pin in it for another month when all members are able to attend
- 2023-2026 STIP Update
  - No questions or updates

- MPO Public Comment periods:
  - Nashua begins 01/13/23 and ends 02/14/23, with public hearing on 02/15
  - Southern will release it on the 19th or 20th for a 30-day comment period ending on 02/21/23, with public hearing on 02/21/23
  - Strafford ends 02/17/23
  - The RPC ends on the 6<sup>th</sup>, with a hearing on the 8th received 3 comments already that will need to be addressed
- FHWA comments received related to Clean Air Act Exempt Codes –
  whether we should be using the actual exception activity (E Code, like
  E51), or for those areas that are located in attainment areas, for those
  projects that are exempt, simply designate them as "ATT" (meaning in
  attainment)

Action: moved to designate as FHWA has requested -- No objections

- Agency Updates
  - NHDES (Jessica Wilcox):
    - NH Clean Diesel (DERA) Grant Program Request for Proposals-Round 3 open – closes on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Open to NH municipalities interested in replacing on-road/highway and off-road diesel vehicles (Class 5-8), engine, and equipment.
  - EPA (Eric Rackauskas) no updates
  - FTA (Leah Sirmin):
    - FTA funding is available by 01/31 all program amounts will be publicly available
    - Areas of Persistent Poverty Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has been released. Planning and project development program, applications open until 03/11
    - 2020 urbanized areas census data is available (shapefiles) on the census website
      - 2023 FTA apportionments will not be based on the new census data, that data will be used to inform 2024 programs
  - DOT:
    - CMAQ Bw. Watson noted that Tom Jameson is working to catalogue applications. 46 total applications were received. Plan to approach AQ analysis discussion in the new few days.
    - Passage of Appropriations Bill will likely not affect the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
      - There were four congressionally designated spending projects included in the Appropriations Bill. So, between FY 2022 and FY 2023 there are ten earmarks
        - From Round 4 there are projects in Whitefield, Dover, Profile Highschool, and Warner. Those projects will receive funding and will need to be added to the

- STIP. Monies need to be obligated by the end of FY2025.
- City of Dover is receiving \$4.5 million in federal funds

   federal requirements, current state of project
   readiness will make implementation challenging within the available time constraints.
- Discussion Regarding TIP and STIP rule amendments and revisions -- the goal to do up to 4 per fiscal year. Goal is to have TIP and STIP updated an approved by end of March. Then, after the STIP is approved, allow for two full STIP revisions during the fiscal year: one for the entire state and the second will be rural only (if necessary).
- FTA (Leah Sirmin) COAST also received an earmark through the 2023 Appropriations Bill for a facility project. That will need to be added to the STIP as well
- NHDOT Rail & Transit (Fred Butler) Fred will be meeting tomorrow with FTA (Leah) and others to discuss the transit projects. They will provide an Interagency update next month.
- FHWA (Leigh Levine) Updates:
  - On 12/09/22, Leigh sent out the template that impacted MPOs can use for their upcoming 2023-2026 TIP (and MTP) updates to help complete and document associated conformity determinations for NH's 1997 Ozone Orphan Area. It needs to be included in the TIP and any public comment documents being provided to the public.
  - There is a new report on travel time-based performance measures
  - There is new FHWA guidance and Q&A info on the National Highway Freight Program formula funds. This is an update of existing guidance addressing changes from the BIL. It includes resources for truck parking. States can also consider obligating up to 40% for intermodal or freight projects for apportionment.
  - On 12/14.22 USDOT published a NOFO for new round of RAISE funding – the deadline is 02/28/23.

# Other Business

- Carl Eppich (SNHPC) -- Update: Carl is leaving SNHPC. He's accepted a position in State of Maine as Director of Municipal Assistance Program. His last day with SNHPC is 01/26/23.
- Next Monthly Meeting February 9, 2023
   \*\*\*SRPC to take notes (\_\_\_\_\_ on deck)

# March 9, 2023 Interagency Consultation Meeting – MS-Teams

#### **Attendees:**

Nicholas Altonaga (North Country)
Matt Waitkins (Nashua RPC)
Colin Lentz (Strafford RPC)
Mark Davie (Strafford RPC)
Andrea Cass (Upper Valley RPC)
Henry Underwood (Southwest RPC)
Sean Chamberlin (Lakes RPC)
Nate Miller (Southern RPC)
Craig Tufts (Central RPC)
Tim Roache (Rockingham PC)

Eric Rackauskas (EPA)
Leigh Levine (FHWA)
Leah Sirmin (FTA)
William Rose (NHDOT)
Lucy St. John (NHDOT)
Bill Watson (NHDOT)
Fred Butler (NHDOT)
Glenn Davison (NHDOT)

Mtg started at 1pm

#### **March Minors**

No comments or issues from partners on projects

### 2023-2026 STIP update

NHDOT has submitted to FHWA and FTA; collecting TIPs from MPOs.

# **Agency Updates**

NHDOT - Rail and Transit

Fred Butler noted that NHDOT R&T had just sent award letters for 5305 applicants, which will be managed under the 2024-2025 UPWPs. Fred also announced that Maggie Baldwin is the new R&T bureau administrator (comes from highway design bureau)

#### NHDOT – Planning

Bill Watson noted that staff continues to work through TYP and CMAQ projects. Watson also noted that the NHDOT has recently sent out a solicitation went out to 65+ towns regarding potential bridge-aid projects. Each town communication identified red-listed bridges that would be candidates for new bridge-aid projects. Heard back from about 17 towns as of the Interagency meeting – most have said yes. Watson also announced that NHDOT Director of Project Development, Peter Stamnas, will be retiring at the end of March 2023. There are new directors in all bureaus that are appointed by Governor & Council.

#### **FHWA**

Leigh Levine highlighted that FHWA HEPGIS has new 2020 census updates with shapefiles. It has new mapping related to suballocation geographies for STBG, TA. HEPGIS is web-based and does not require any software.

Mtg adjourned at 1:16pm

#### **April 2023 Interagency Notes**

# **Roll Call of Attending Members**

Nicholas Altonaga – NCC Meghan Butts - UVLSRPC Sean Chamberlin – LRPC Henry Underwood – SWRPC Craig Tufts - CNHRPC Colin Lentz - SRPC Dave Tilton - SNHPC Svlvia von Aulock – SNHPC Dave Walker – RPC Matthew Waitkins - NRPC Monique Wahba – NRPC Jessica Wilcox – NHDES Eric Rackauskas – EPA Leah Sirmin – FTA Bill Watson – NHDOT Lucy St John – NHDOT Fred Butler - NHDOT William Rose – NHDOT

# **April Minor Revision**

Glenn Davison – NHDOT Leigh Levine - FHWA

RPC: Seabrook - Hampton 15904 – there doesn't appear to be a change. NHDOT will review. NHDOT: Claremont 41748 will be removed from proposed 2023-2026 Amendment 1 and added to Minor.

# 2023-2026 STIP Update

Federal agency approval is imminent. FHWA-FTA concur that interagency meeting, MPOs can discuss proposed Amendment 1, just not take action on it until STIP Update is approved.

#### 2023-2026 STIP A1 Discussion

NHDOT: CART project is a mistake, will be removed.

Claremont 41748 will be removed as noted under April Minor Revision.

Merrimack 10136D - Will be coming into new STIP, update coming from NHDOT – lots of non-participating funds for water and sewer and another \$700k in Fed-aid.

Lebanon 40791 – Changes coming.

Nashua – Hudson 42596 – CAA Code confirmed.

Program Pave-T1-Resurf – Change is scope from Resurface to Preservation explained.

NHDOT explained that they are formally introducing Amendment 1 to the interagency consultation group today but cautioned MPOs not to approve anything until the new 2023-2026 STIP is in place. NHDOT released Amendment 1 a month ahead of schedule and recommend a 10-day public comment period. Amendment 2 is coming this Summer.

Status of Anticipated Amendment 1 MPO TIP Approvals:

RPC – Requesting export by Monday at the latest for May 10<sup>th</sup> Full Commission meeting. Executive Meeting will be on May 24<sup>th</sup>, April TAC scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup>.

SRPC – all looks good for May 19<sup>th</sup> Policy Meeting.

SNHPC – all looks good for May 23<sup>rd</sup> Policy Meeting.

NRPC – June  $21^{st}$  is next available meeting, Matt will have to circle back to Jay to possibly move the meeting up – perhaps to May  $19^{th}$ .

NHDOT: Clarified that Amendment 1 public comment periods cannot open until the new 2023-2026 STIP is approved.

Salem To Manchester 14633/Debt Service Project for I-93 Capacity Improvements – Northern Projects – FHWA noted earlier discussion indicating that this project would be removed from the STIP and SNHPC TIP considering a determination that this debt service project was not considered regionally significant.

FHWA encouraged that it remain in the STIP and TIP for awareness and information – considering the scope and significance of the project, and the total of nearly \$30 million in SB 367 funds that will be used to retire the debt. No objections.

#### **Agency Updates**

#### FHWA:

Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program NOFO released Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, Applications due by May 30, 2023. States, MPOs, Municipalities eligible – electric, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas vehicles. Separate email sent 3/14.

SS4A FY 23 NOFO is open as of March 31. Applications due by July 10, 2023. Safety Action Plan and Demonstration grants and Implementation grants. More information in FHWA Planning Updates for April – sent 4/4.

FHWA's Equity in Roadway Safety Webinar Series - FHWA will be holding the first in a series of webinars focused on equity in roadway safety. More information in FHWA Planning Updates for April – sent 4/4.

Yesterday, FHWA sent out new FHWA Implementation Guidance on various provisions of: IIJA/BIL Section 11206 – Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options. Webinars with additional details to come soon.

#### NHDOT:

Thank you to everybody who participated in the previous 1-hour long discussion of AQA's for the new CMAQ projects.

Linda Wescott was identified as a STIP POC for direct recipients of federal discretionary grants. She is already working with RAISE grantees in Berlin and Manchester.

CFI Program – NHDOT and NHDES coordinating, may contact applicants of proposed EV Charging CMAQ projects to discuss potential of funding some of the projects from CFI.

UPWP 2024-2025 contracts with RPCs and Draft Ten-Year Plan update is in process.

Bill Lambert is NHDOT's new Safety champion/leader. Pete Stamnas retired and Bill Oldenburg has been nominated to replace him as the Department's new Project Development Manager.

NHDES: This year's Green Your Fleet event is now scheduled for Friday June 9, 2023 at the NH Motor Speedway in Loudon.

#### **Next Monthly Meeting**

May 11, 2023.

#### May 11, 2023

# **Interagency Consultation Notes**

#### 1PM Via MS-Teams

#### Attendees:

Nicholas Altonaga – NCC
Meghan Butts – UVLSRPC
Sean Chamberlin – LRPC
Henry Underwood – SWRPC
Craig Tufts – CNHRPC
Colin Lentz – SRPC
Dave Tilton – SNHPC
Sylvia von Aulock – SNHPC
Dave Walker – RPC
Matthew Waitkins – NRPC
Monique Wahba – NRPC
Jessica Wilcox – NHDES
Eric Rackauskas – EPA

Leah Sirmin – FTA

Bill Watson – NHDOT

Lucy St John – NHDOT

Fred Butler – NHDOT

William Rose – NHDOT

Glenn Davison – NHDOT

Charlie Blackman - NHDOT

Leigh Levine – FHWA

Luke Siik – FHWA

#### **May Minor Revision**

• FHWA identified last minute questions regarding the programmatic report. W. Rose noted that the comments were accurate but that we wouldn't be able to incorporate the changes this month as today was IAC.

### June Minor (TYP inflation changes)

• W. Rose noted that NHDOT is increasing the inflation rate from 2.8% to 3.7% used for the TYP. As a result, IAC will begin seeing projects with inflation-only changes starting in June.

# 2023-2026 STIP A1 discussion

The 3 MPOs in attendance confirmed that their respective public comment periods were
proceeding as planned. Rose noted that the NHDOT comment period will start soon and
extend one week past the close of the final MPO comment period.

# **ITS infrastructure training opportunity**

- L. Siik and C. Blackman provided some details re: a planned ITS infrastructure training
  this summer that will address previous discussion about updating MPO ITS architectures
  and combining with DOT's.
- Will be holding an ITS arch training class this summer, August 7-8; potential topics: ARC-IT software, regional ITS architectures, ITS toolset, uses of the architecture, next steps moving forward

- Will be inviting regions to attend along with NHDOT
- Free online trainings available in advance; if interested reach out to FHWA or NHDOT

# **Agency Updates**

- EPA: 2 rulemakings underway for heavy- and light-duty vehicles, comment periods open into June/July respectively
- DES: Green Your Fleet event on June 9<sup>th</sup> at NH Motor Speedway
  - https://www4.des.state.nh.us/granitestatecleancities/
- FHWA: CFI discretionary grant program application period closes May 30<sup>th</sup>

Next Monthly Meeting June 8, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

# June 8, 2023 Interagency Consultation Meeting Notes

#### 1pm via MS-Teams

#### Attendees:

Leigh Levine – FHWA

Nicholas Altonaga – NCC

Dave Walker – RPC

Nate Miller – SNHPC

Dave Tilton – SNHPC

Henry Underwood – SWRPC

Meghan Butts – UVLSRPC

Lucy St. John – NHDOT

Colin Lentz – SRPC
Ricky DiCillo – NHDES
Craig Tufts – CNHRPC
Matt Waitkins – NRPC
Eric Rackauskas – EPA
Glenn Davison – NHDOT
William Rose – NHDOT

#### June Minor Revision:

A couple of additional changes from the last distribution. A question was raised regarding whether the proposed removal of Enfield 13592 from the STIP was appropriate for the minor. It is not and this change will be removed from the minor revision. Two additions will be made to the revision: Nashua 44141 is being revised to include HSIP programmatic funds and less local match; Franconia 40514 will be moving PE to 2023. Last docket sent out incorrectly included two Bristol projects being removed from the STIP but that is incorrect. A revised docket will be sent out after this meeting as well as new estimates and programmatic report.

#### 2023-2026 STIP Amendments Update

Amendment 1 has been sent to federal partners for review and approval. FHWA indicates that approval for Amendment 1 could be as soon as next week. Verified that Amendment did not require any conformity updates and that because no transit projects were involved can be approved by FHWA alone. Anticipate that a draft of Amendment 2 will be ready for the July 13<sup>th</sup> Interagency meeting. Expect details in the next couple of weeks and scope will be rural areas only so no MPO action will be required.

NHDOT also noted that staff is working to develop an online version of the Programmatic report that would be updated on a daily basis vs. the static version released each month as part of IAC. Staff noted that they'd send an update to the group when that option was available.

# **Agency Updates**

• FHWA: Request for Nominations for Round 7 Alternative Fuels Corridors are due on June 27. New requirement for Freight Electric Vehicle corridors this round. Bike and pedestrian and project development guidance has been updated and released. CFI discretionary grant deadline extended to June 13. PROTECT grant deadline on August 18. New SS4A grant round in progress. New TMA designations have been released. New Equity Action Plan in the works and a request for information has been released to help USDOT better understand the issues and needs. Leigh will follow up with an email with a link to the RFI.

- EPA: No updates
- DES: Green Your Fleet event on June 9, 2023. Registration is currently closed but DES is excited to welcome everyone to the event.
- RPCs: Nothing to report
- NHDOT: Neil Underwood Bridge has been put up for sale by NHDOT. Bid proposals are due by the end of June.

# **Other Business**

None

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM

# July 13, 2023 Interagency Consultation Meeting Notes

Leigh Levine – FHWA
Nicholas Altonaga – NCC
Dave Walker – RPC
Nate Miller – SNHPC
Dave Tilton – SNHPC
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Ma\$ Waitkins – NRPC
Eric Rackauskas – EPA
William Rose – NHDOT
Fred Butler - NHDOT
Leah Sirmin - FTA
Leigh Levine – FHWA

#### June Minor Revision:

There were no comments about the July Minor revisions to the FY2023-2026 S/TIP.

# 2023-2026 STIP Amendments Update:

Amendment 1 has been approved by federal partners and is now final. NHDOT staff thanked all the stakeholders for their help in getting the Amendment processed in a timely fashion.

Amendment 2 is in process and is Rural only which means there is no action required by the 4 New Hampshire MPO's. NHDOT noted the following change/additional information to Amendment 2:

- Enfield Project # 44286
  - Change in funding type in FY2023; funding type is now All-Other. The reason for the change is to accommodate an accelerated approach to the project development schedule.

FHWA staff said that there are no Air Quality Conformity issues associated with this Amendment. NHDOT staff said that the 10-day public comment period will run from July 17 to July 27, after which the draft Amendment will be sent to Federal partners.

### **Agency Updates:**

**NHDES:** Jessica Wilcox had 2 updates:

- Granite State Green Fleets Program \$10Million available to help municipally owned fleets replace old equipment and reduce diesel emissions. Project proposals will be accepted through October 13, 2023
- NH State Clean Diesel Grant Program Request for Proposals Round 4 Open as of May 25, due September 15, 2023.

**EPA:** the newest version of Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES 4.0) will be released in the Fall. There will be a related webinar in late July. EPA staff said that information about the webinar will be sent out to the interagency partners.

FTA: nothing to report.

**NHDOT:** Fred Butler said that he would be sending out his request to transit agencies for quarterly S/TIP updates soon.

FHWA: the following Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFO's) were noted:

- INFRA/Mega/Rural (Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant)
- Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN)

FHWA staff also reminded stakeholders of the July 13 Webinar on FHWA Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Program and Project Development Guidance.

**RPCs:** Nothing to report.

# Other Business:

Colin asked if there is any further information about the FY 2025-2028 CMAQ funding. William said only that the funded projects would be included in the Draft FY2025-2024 Ten Year Plan. No final decision has been made regarding the EV projects.

The group wished Andrea Cass good luck in the future as she is moving on from UVLSRPC to return to school.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Waitkins – 7/14/2023

# September 14, 2023 Interagency Consultation

#### 1pm via MS-Teams

#### **Meeting Notes**

NCC: Kevin NRPC: Matt Waitkins

UVLSRPC: Tim Josephson NHDES: Jessica Wilcox

SWRPC: J.B. Mack EPA: Eric Rakauskas, Ayla Martinelli

CNHRPC: Craig Tufts FHWA: Leigh Levine

SRPC: Colin Lentz, Mark Davies NHDOT: Bill Watson, Glenn Davison, Fred

SNHPC: Nate Miller, David Tilton

Butler, William Rose

RPC: Dave Walker

**September Minor:** No additional questions or discussion on this item.

Amendment 2: W. Rose noted that Amendment #2 had been approved in record time by FHWA.

**Amendment 3**: W. Rose explained NHDOT's schedule outline for A3: provide materials for October interagency meeting, hopeful for Nov/Dec public comment. Rose explained that he'll discuss the agenda in more detail with the MPOs as part of the October PfPNH mtg.

#### Agency updates:

**EPA**- Moves4 released. Will need to be used for any future SIP development or conformity determinations (MOVES3 could continue to be used if SIP or rulemaking was already in progess)

**NHDES** – Charging and fueling infrastructure community Grant Program notifications expected by 10/1/2023. If awarded (requested \$10 mil), DES hopes to engage stakeholder and public on project solicitation.

USDOT announced EV charger and reliability accessibility accelerator funding opportunity, 100 mil available to state and local govts from FHWA to repair and replace existing but non-operational electric vehicle supply equipment EVSE. Applications due Nov 13, 2023. New chargers MUST meet NEVI standard of 23 CFR 680

**FHWA** – Census 2020 implementation dates are approaching; states must revisit intrastate PL fund allocations by 10/1 to ensure latest census figures are being used.

Dec 29, 2023 is deadline for adjustments to urban area boundaries by state transportation agencies and EHWA

Bill Watson (DOT) – thanks all for transition to new invoice process. Comments forthcoming.

Performance reports are expected second week of early Sept, so far five have been received. DOT would like to close this off with FHWA asap to reallocate remaining money.

There are 25 GACIT (Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation) public hearings this Fall.

- 4 hearings have been held so far. One of the 4 (Kingston) was hybrid
- 4 more hearings will have a hybrid option
  - o 9/21 Laconia
  - o 9/27 Londonderry
  - o 10/5 Concord
  - o 10/10 Hillsborough
- All remaining hearings will be in person
- 10/12 Hearing in Seabrook needs to be rescheduled new date/time TBD

Mtg adjourned at 1:20 pm.