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RE: SNHPC Information and Activities

SNHPC has a number of activities your community may be interested in. Details can be found on our website, www.snhpc.org. We write to bring to your attention the following.

- ***TIP Amendment #3 and Title VI and Environmental Justice Program Update:*** At the December 19, 2017 MPO meeting, the MPO voted to adopt both Amendment #3 to the FY2017-2020 TIP and the Update to the Title VI and Environmental Justice Program.
- ***Transportation Management Area (TMA) Programming Authority Process:*** Also at the December MPO meeting, Mr. Miller explained Derry, Londonderry, Auburn, and Windham are in the Nashua Urbanized Area (as well as Salem and Hampstead from Rockingham RPC), which now has over 200,000 residents. This means SNHPC and RPC are obligated to work with NHDOT to receive and program funds designated for the TMA. Originally this process was going to involve a joint committee. Instead, a formula will be used to divide funds based on population and land miles, and decisions will be made by the MPOs via processes such as the TIP.
- ***Proposed Changes to the 2019-2028 10-Year Transportation Improvement Plan:*** Also at the December MPO meeting, Mr. Miller reviewed proposed changes to the 10-Year Plan. These are proposed following input at the recent GACIT hearings. He stated these affect three projects in the SNHPC area: Londonderry Intersection Safety Improvement Program in the area of Stonehenge Rd; \$4M Federal Boston Urbanized Area transit money will be used to advance the Capitol Corridor rail study; a portion of CMAQ Federal mandatory (air quality) funding will be flexed to fund statewide corridor studies (Bedford Rte. 114 and New Boston Rd.) and statewide sound wall program for Type Two projects. For details, contact Nate at nmiller@snhpc.org.
- ***Discussion of Proposed Toll Increase:*** During the December meeting, the proposed toll increase was discussed, and the MPO voted against the proposal. In addition, the MPO voted to send a letter to NHDOT stating the reason for opposition is in part the rushed nature of the process.

The SNHPC region includes the City of Manchester and the towns of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Derry, Francestown, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, New Boston, Weare and Windham. The region encompasses portions of Hillsborough, Merrimack and Rockingham counties. Executive Order Number Fifteen, issued by former Governor Walter Peterson, delineated the SNHPC region. SNHPC promotes coordination between planning boards and local officials; intergovernmental cooperation; and coordinated development of the region.