

# STRAFFORD

Regional Planning Commission

May 19, 2023

Commissioner William Cass  
New Hampshire Department of Transportation  
PO Box 483  
Concord, NH 03302-0483

RE: 2023-2026 S/TIP Amendment #1

Dear Commissioner Cass:

This letter is to inform you that at its meeting held on Friday, May 19, 2023 the Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization (Strafford MPO) Policy Committee approved Amendment #1 to the Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization's *2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*. This amendment contained project changes that impacted various transportation projects and programs in the Strafford Region.

Amendment #1 was approved following a public input process as stipulated in federal law and the NH STIP revision procedures as agreed upon through the Interagency process. A 10-day comment period began on **Monday, May 8, 2023, to Thursday, May 18, 2023**. A public hearing was held at the SRPC Policy Committee meeting at **9:00 am on Friday, May 19, 2023**.

In July 2013, all of New Hampshire was considered unclassifiable/attainment for the 2008 eight-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), also known as the 2008 ozone standard. At that point, the 1997 eight-hour ozone NAAQS (the 1997 ozone standard) was revoked for transportation purposes in the Boston-Manchester-Portsmouth (SE) NH area. Transportation conformity no longer applies to the ozone NAAQS in New Hampshire in accordance with the "geographic applicability" of the transportation conformity rule at 40 CFR 93.102(b). On Oct. 16, 2015, the EPA issued a final rule reducing the NAAQS standard for ozone to 70 ppb from the previous 75 ppb. The region was still in compliance with the new standard, so this ruling did not affect the development of the Strafford MPO TIP.

The amendment and public notice of resulting changes are attached to this letter and were available at the Strafford Regional Planning Commission office, Rochester, Somersworth, and Dover Public Libraries, and on the SRPC website: [www.stafford.org](http://www.stafford.org).

The approval of TIP Amendment #1 by the Strafford MPO Policy Committee officially amends the Strafford MPO *2023-2026 TIP* and the *2023-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Czysz, AICP  
Executive Director

Strafford Regional Planning Commission

cc: Strafford MPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee, NH MPO's  
Leigh Levine, FHWA; Leah Sirmin, FTA; Tim White, NHDES

## STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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**Strafford MPO**  
**2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #1**

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# 2023 - 2026 SRPC Transportation Improvement Program 2023-2026 Amendment 1

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Please refer to the 2023 - 2026 TIP document and project listing for detailed COAST transit funding information. NHDOT groups federal funding for statewide public transit in large programs (e.g. FTA 5307); MPOs and RPCs track funding for individual transit providers and projects. Strafford MPO is currently updating its project database and will be incorporating individual project funding for final publication of the 2023 - 2026 TIP.

## SOMERSWORTH 40646

Towns: SOMERSWORTH  
 Road: NH 9 (High Street), Blackwater Rd, Indigo Hill Rd  
 Scope: Intersection safety improvements; NH Route 9, Blackwater Road, Indigo Hill Road  
 Acronyms:

### Approved Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
PE	2023	\$278,992		\$0	\$69,748	<b>\$348,740</b>
PE	2024	\$95,601		\$0	\$23,900	<b>\$119,502</b>
ROW	2024	\$115,476		\$0	\$28,869	<b>\$144,345</b>
CON	2026	\$2,311,230		\$0	\$577,808	<b>\$2,889,038</b>

### Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
PE	2024	\$278,992		\$0	\$69,748	<b>\$348,740</b>
PE	2025	\$95,601		\$0	\$23,900	<b>\$119,502</b>
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### Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes  
 Shifting project phases ahead one year to coordinate with intersection safety project at Blackwater and Indigo Hill Rd  
 SRPC Notes

### Funding Sources

**FHWA**  
 STBG-50 to 200K  
**OTHER**  
 Towns

# LEE 41322

Towns: LEE  
Road: NH Route 125  
Scope: Bridge Replacement of culvert carrying NH 125 over Little River Br No 073/084  
Acronyms:

## Approved Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
PE	2023	\$330,000		\$0	\$0	<b>\$330,000</b>
CON	2024	\$1,650,000		\$0	\$0	<b>\$1,650,000</b>

## Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
PE	2023	\$330,000		\$0	\$0	<b>\$330,000</b>
ROW	2023	\$27,500		\$0	\$0	<b>\$27,500</b>
CON	2024	\$1,650,000		\$0	\$0	<b>\$1,650,000</b>

## Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes  
Added right of way funding in 2023  
SRPC Notes

## Funding Sources

### FHWA

STBG-Non Urban Areas Under 5K  
National Highway Performance  
BRGBIL

### NHDOT

Toll Credit

# ROCHESTER 43552

Towns: ROCHESTER  
Road: NH 11  
Scope: Widen 2,100' of NH 11 to 4 lane configuration.  
Acronyms:

## Approved Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total
PE	2023	\$203,200		\$0	\$50,800

**\$254,000**

## Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total
PE	2023	\$203,200		\$0	\$50,800
PE	2025	\$131,584		\$0	\$32,896
ROW	2024	\$64,000		\$0	\$16,000
CON	2025	\$2,718,032		\$0	\$679,508

**\$254,000**

**\$164,480**

**\$80,000**

**\$3,397,540**

## Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes  
Rochester project 43840 is being merged with this project to coordinate work along NH11 corridor.  
Project 43840 will be removed from the TIP

SRPC Notes

## Funding Sources

### FHWA

STBG-50 to 200K

### OTHER

Towns

## Public Comment Record – Strafford MPO 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #1

May 19, 2023

A 10-day comment period began on **Monday, May 8, 2023**, and ended on **Thursday, May 18, 2023**. A public hearing was held at the SRPC Policy Committee meeting at **9:00 am on Friday, May 19, 2023**.

No comments were received from the general public during the comment period.

### Comments received from members of the Strafford MPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting on May 5, 2023 at 9:00am

No substantive comments were submitted from the public or members of the Strafford MPO Technical Advisory Committee at their meeting on May 5, 2023 at 9:00am.  
*The Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend Amendment #1 to the 2023-2023 TIP for approval by the MPO Policy Committee.*

### Comments received during the public hearing held at the beginning of the Strafford MPO Policy Committee meeting on May 19, 2023 at 9:00am

No substantive comments were submitted from the public or members of the Strafford MPO Policy Committee at the public hearing at their meeting on May 19, 2023.  
*The Policy Committee voted unanimously to approve Amendment #1 to the 2023-2026 TIP.*

