

STRAFFORD

Regional Planning Commission

November 17, 2023

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

RE: 2023-2026 S/TIP Amendment #3

Dear Commissioner Cass:

This letter is to inform you that at its meeting held on Friday, November 17, 2023 the Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization (Strafford MPO) Policy Committee approved Amendment #3 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 #3 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 **Tuesday, November 7, 2023, to Thursday, November 16, 2023**. A public hearing was held at the SRPC Policy Committee meeting at **9:00 am on Friday, November 17, 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 At that point, the 1997 eight-hour ozone NAAQS (the 1997 ozone standard) was revoked for transportation purposes in the Boston–Manchester–Portsmouth (SE) NH area.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.strafford.org.

The approval of TIP Amendment #3 by the Strafford MPO Policy Committee officially amends the Strafford MPO *2023-2026 TIP* and the *2023-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*.

Sincerely,

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Strafford MPO
2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #3

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Public Comment Record – Strafford MPO 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #3

November 18, 2023

A 10-day comment period began on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023**, and ended on **Thursday, November 16, 2023**. A public hearing was held at the SRPC Policy Committee meeting at **9:00 am on Friday, November 17, 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 November 3, 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 November 3, 2023 at 9:00am.

The Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend Amendment #3 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 November 17, 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 November 17, 2023.

The Policy Committee voted unanimously to approve Amendment #3 to the 2023-2026 TIP.

2023 - 2026 SRPC Transportation Improvement Program 2023-2026 Amendment 3

9/19/2023

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.

PROGRAM FTA5310

Towns: Statewide
 Road: Various
 Scope: Capital, Mobility Mgmt, and Operating for Seniors & Individuals w/ Disabilities - FTA 5310 Program

Acronyms:

Approved Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
OTHER	2023	\$3,138,558		\$0	\$784,639	\$3,923,197
OTHER	2024	\$2,709,459		\$0	\$677,364	\$3,386,823
OTHER	2025	\$2,763,648		\$0	\$690,912	\$3,454,560
OTHER	2026	\$2,818,921		\$0	\$704,730	\$3,523,651

Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
OTHER	2023	\$4,033,375		\$0	\$1,008,344	\$5,041,719
OTHER	2024	\$3,674,059		\$0	\$918,514	\$4,592,573
OTHER	2025	\$3,316,017		\$0	\$829,004	\$4,145,021
OTHER	2026	\$3,382,338		\$0	\$845,584	\$4,227,922

Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes
 Program apportionments updated
 SRPC Notes

Funding Sources

FHWA
 STBG-State Flexible
FTA
 FTA 5310 Capital Program
NHDOT
 Toll Credit
OTHER
 Other

PROGRAM FTA5339

Towns: Statewide

Road: Various

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

Acronyms:

Approved Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
OTHER	2023	\$8,030,479		\$0	\$2,007,620	\$10,038,099
OTHER	2024	\$4,440,434		\$0	\$1,110,108	\$5,550,542
OTHER	2025	\$4,529,242		\$0	\$1,132,311	\$5,661,553
OTHER	2026	\$4,619,827		\$0	\$1,154,957	\$5,774,784

Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
OTHER	2023	\$8,030,479		\$0	\$2,007,620	\$10,038,099
OTHER	2024	\$7,483,518		\$0	\$1,870,879	\$9,354,397
OTHER	2025	\$7,577,438		\$0	\$1,894,359	\$9,471,797
OTHER	2026	\$4,885,720		\$0	\$1,221,430	\$6,107,150

Change Notes

- NHDOT Description of Changes
- Updating apportionment numbers
- SRPC Notes

Funding Sources

FTA

FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities

NHDOT

State of New Hampshire

OTHER

State of New Hampshire

Other

PROGRAM TA

Towns: Statewide
 Road: Various
 Scope: TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)
 Acronyms:

Approved Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
PE	2023	\$680,000		\$0	\$190,000	\$870,000
PE	2024	\$400,000		\$0	\$120,000	\$520,000
PE	2025	\$400,000		\$0	\$120,000	\$520,000
PE	2026	\$252,760		\$0	\$83,190	\$335,950
ROW	2023	\$102,120		\$0	\$35,530	\$137,650
ROW	2024	\$102,120		\$0	\$35,530	\$137,650
ROW	2025	\$102,120		\$0	\$35,530	\$137,650
ROW	2026	\$102,120		\$0	\$35,530	\$137,650
CON	2023	\$2,453,272		\$0	\$713,318	\$3,166,590
CON	2024	\$2,613,272		\$0	\$753,318	\$3,366,590
CON	2025	\$2,613,272		\$0	\$753,318	\$3,366,590
CON	2026	\$2,760,512		\$0	\$790,128	\$3,550,640

Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
PE	2023	\$800,000		\$0	\$220,000	\$1,020,000
PE	2024	\$1,200,000		\$0	\$320,000	\$1,520,000
PE	2025	\$800,000		\$0	\$220,000	\$1,020,000
PE	2026	\$800,000		\$0	\$220,000	\$1,020,000
ROW	2023	\$120,000		\$0	\$40,000	\$160,000
ROW	2024	\$120,000		\$0	\$40,000	\$160,000
ROW	2025	\$120,000		\$0	\$40,000	\$160,000
ROW	2026	\$120,000		\$0	\$40,000	\$160,000
CON	2023	\$4,388,864		\$0	\$1,197,216	\$5,586,080
CON	2024	\$4,095,042		\$0	\$1,123,760	\$5,218,802
CON	2025	\$4,603,342		\$0	\$1,250,835	\$5,854,178
CON	2026	\$4,713,810		\$0	\$1,278,452	\$5,992,261

Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes
 Child project estimates updated to include carryover funds

Funding Sources

FHWA

TAP-Non Urban Areas Under 5K TAP-5K to 49,999
 TAP-Flex TAP-50K to 200K
 TAP-Areas Over 200K

OTHER

Other
 Non Par Other

SRPC Notes

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	\$330,000
ROW	2023	\$27,500		\$0	\$0	\$27,500
CON	2024	\$1,650,000		\$0	\$0	\$1,650,000

Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
PE	2023	\$330,000		\$0	\$0	\$330,000
ROW	2023	\$27,500		\$0	\$0	\$27,500
CON	2024	\$1,650,000		\$0	\$0	\$1,650,000
CON	2025	\$4,448,730		\$0	\$0	\$4,448,730

Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes
Adding construction funds in new fiscal year
SRPC Notes

Funding Sources

FHWA

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

NHDOT

Toll Credit

ROLLINSFORD - DOVER 42578

Towns: DOVER, ROLLINSFORD

Road: Oak Street

Scope: Address Red List bridge (069/046) carrying Oak Street over PAR between Rollinsford and Dover

Acronyms:

Approved Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
PE	2024	\$174,369		\$0	\$0	\$174,369
PE	2026	\$122,847		\$0	\$0	\$122,847

Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
PE	2023	\$263,116		\$0	\$0	\$263,116
PE	2024	\$121,884		\$0	\$0	\$121,884
PE	2025	\$165,000		\$0	\$0	\$165,000
PE	2026	\$228,140		\$0	\$0	\$228,140

Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes
 Adding preliminary engineering years and funding
 SRPC Notes

Funding Sources

FHWA
 STBG-50 to 200K
 BRGBIL
NHDOT
 Toll Credit

PROGRAM STBG-FTA

Towns: Statewide
 Road: Various
 Scope: Funds transferred from STBG to FTA to supplement public/human services transportation statewide.
 Acronyms: CMAQ: Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program
 FTA: Federal Transit Administration

Approved Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
OTHER	2023	\$3,200,000		\$0	\$412,500	\$3,612,500
OTHER	2024	\$3,200,000		\$0	\$412,500	\$3,612,500
OTHER	2025	\$3,200,000		\$0	\$412,500	\$3,612,500
OTHER	2026	\$3,200,000		\$0	\$412,500	\$3,612,500

Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
OTHER	2024	\$3,000,000		\$0	\$612,500	\$3,612,500
OTHER	2025	\$3,000,000		\$0	\$612,500	\$3,612,500
OTHER	2026	\$3,000,000		\$0	\$612,500	\$3,612,500

Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes
 Shifting 200,000 per year from federal to other funding
 SRPC Notes

Funding Sources

FHWA
 STBG-State Flexible
NHDOT
 Toll Credit
OTHER
 Other

PROGRAM EV_INFRA

Towns: Statewide
Road: Various
Scope: Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program
Acronyms:

Approved Funding

Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
PE	2023	\$346,000		\$0	\$0	<i>\$346,000</i>
PE	2024	\$346,000		\$0	\$0	<i>\$346,000</i>
PE	2025	\$346,000		\$0	\$0	<i>\$346,000</i>
PE	2026	\$346,000		\$0	\$0	<i>\$346,000</i>
CON	2023	\$3,114,000		\$0	\$0	<i>\$3,114,000</i>
CON	2024	\$3,114,000		\$0	\$0	<i>\$3,114,000</i>
CON	2025	\$3,114,000		\$0	\$0	<i>\$3,114,000</i>
CON	2026	\$3,114,000		\$0	\$0	<i>\$3,114,000</i>

Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes
New electric vehicle charging infrastructure program
SRPC Notes

Funding Sources

FHWA
NEVI
NHDOT
Toll Credit

NEVI PROGRAM CHARGING 44093

Towns: Statewide

Road: Statewide

Scope: Administer NEVI funds to develop direct current fast charging stations along AFCs

Acronyms:

Approved Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
PE	2023	\$880,000		\$0	\$0	\$880,000
CON	2023	\$5,355,210		\$0	\$1,338,802	\$6,694,012

Proposed Funding

Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes

Removing program from STIP. Funds moved to new Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program "EV Infra" (part of amendment 3).

SRPC Notes

Funding Sources

FHWA

NEVI

NHDOT

Toll Credit

Non Par DOT

SOMERSWORTH NH - BERWICK MAINE 44389

Towns: SOMERSWORTH
Road: Salmon Falls Rd over Salmon Falls River
Scope: Rehabilitate Salmon Falls Rd bridge over Salmon Falls River Brg #078/124 Eddy Bridge Maine DOT Lead

Acronyms:

Approved Funding

Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total
PE	2026	\$0	\$43,015	\$64,522	\$107,537
ROW	2026	\$0	\$4,301	\$6,452	\$10,754
CON	2026	\$430,148	\$0	\$645,221	\$1,075,369

Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes

SRPC Notes

New bridge rehab project. Shared match with Main and NH state and towns

Funding Sources

FHWA

STBG-50 to 200K

NHDOT

SB367-4-Cents

OTHER

Towns

Maine

MILTON NH - ACTON MAINE 44393

Towns: MILTON
Road: Church Street over Salmon Falls River
Scope: Replace the Church St bridge over Salmon Falls River Brg#077/163 "Ben Brackett" Brg Maine
DOT lead

Acronyms:

Approved Funding

Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total
PE	2026	\$0	\$129,044	\$193,566	\$322,611
ROW	2026	\$0	\$4,301	\$6,452	\$10,754
CON	2026	\$1,548,531	\$0	\$2,322,797	\$3,871,328

Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes

New bridge replacement project added to STIP.

Shared match with Main and NH state and towns

SRPC Notes

Funding Sources

FHWA

STBG-Off System Bridge

NHDOT

SB367-4-Cents

OTHER

Towns

Maine

ROCHESTER 44408

Towns: ROCHESTER

Road: NH 125

Scope: Address State Red List Bridge carrying NH 125 of Isinglass River (Br. No. 206/110)

Acronyms:

Approved Funding

Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total
PE	2025	\$798,490		\$0	\$798,490

Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes

New bridge rehab/replacement project added to the STIP

SRPC Notes

Funding Sources

FHWA

National Highway Performance

NHDOT

Toll Credit

STATEWIDE 44491

Towns: Statewide
Road: Coastal Routes
Scope: Coastal hydraulic design manual supplement
Acronyms:

Approved Funding

Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total
OTHER	2023	\$200,000		\$0	\$0
					\$200,000

Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes
New hydraulic design manual supplement in development for coastal routes in RPC and SRPC regions
SRPC Notes

Funding Sources

FHWA
PROTECT

STATEWIDE 4R PROJECTS 44518

Towns: Statewide
Road: Various
Scope: 4R Pavement Rehab/Reconstruct on the NHS
Acronyms:

Approved Funding

Proposed Funding

Phase	Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Other	Total	
PE	2026	\$1,182,906		\$0	\$0	<i>\$1,182,906</i>
ROW	2026	\$59,145		\$0	\$0	<i>\$59,145</i>

Change Notes

NHDOT Description of Changes
New program in the STIP for NHS pavement rehabilitation (statewide)
SRPC Notes

Funding Sources

FHWA
STBG-State Flexible
NHDOT
Toll Credit