

Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) – 10 Yr. Plan

The five Executive Councilors make up the membership of GACIT. NH DOT submits the 10 year plan to GACIT for their review and approval. The Governor then submits that plan to the legislature for their review and approval.

UVLSRPC 10 Year Plan Role

- Regional Planning Commissions solicit transportation projects from their region's municipalities and partner agencies (e.g. public transportation providers).
- Following the solicitation of projects, Regional Planning Commissions facilitate a series of meetings where municipal representatives jointly evaluate and prioritize projects from throughout the region.
- This process occurs in each of the nine Regional Planning Commissions in New Hampshire to ensure that local and regional project priorities are meaningfully considered by the NHDOT in the development of the Ten-Year Plan.
- NH DOT has asked that share our opinion on the proposed changes as they relate to our region.

UVLSRPC Ten Yr. Plan Changes

- Lebanon – Reconstruct Mechanic St./High St./Mascoma:
 - Adding \$330,000 to Professional Engineering to FY18
 - Adding \$113,580 to R-O-W acquisition in FY19
 - Move \$2,635,000 for Construction to FY20 from FY19
- Charlestown – Route 12 Reconstruction:
 - Combining two separate projects into one

Questions

Any questions on the proposed changes made to the 10 yr plan – either for our region or statewide

Toll Increase

- GACIT has the authority to make changes to the toll rates.
- GACIT asked NHDOT to prepare a study of proposed toll increases
- NH DOT has asked each RPC to offer an opinion on the proposed Toll increase

Toll Increase

- Hooksett ML & Bedford ML Plazas: 50 cents ↑ (\$1.00 to \$1.50 toll), Commercial toll - \$1.00 ↑
- Hampton ML Plaza: 50 cents ↑ (\$2.00 to \$2.50 toll), Commercial toll - \$1.00 ↑
- Hampton Side Plaza: 25 cent ↑ (\$0.75 to \$1.00 toll), Commercial toll – 50 cents ↑
- Dover & Rochester ML Plazas: 25 cent ↑ (\$0.75 to \$1.00 toll), Commercial toll – 50 cents ↑
- Hooksett Ramp Plaza: 25 cent ↑ (\$0.50 to \$0.75 toll), Commercial toll – 50 cents ↑

\$36M additional annual toll revenue per year

Toll Increase Benefits

- All Increased Revenue Dedicated to Capital Investment & Acceleration of Major Turnpike Projects & Shortening Construction Duration
- Users of the system pay for the improvements & benefit from improvements
- Nearly \$20M of toll increase paid by out-of-state travelers
- \$754M of Capital Investment Completed within next 10 years and Equates to 15,800 Jobs* resulting in significant economic benefit in short-term & long-term
- Travel time, reliability & safety would improve
- Funding for much needed Type II Soundwall Program would be established (\$4M/year)
- Funding for feasibility studies to identify future Turnpike needs
- Funding for transportation demand management program to reduce future travel demand and mitigate need for future Turnpike widening (\$3M/year)
- **Extension of Turnpike to northern end of Merrimack River Bridges in Concord would encompass entire Bow-Concord project, complete construction with Turnpike funds by 2027, and free up over \$210M of future federal funds to be used elsewhere across the state for Red-List Bridges & Highway Projects**

Toll Increase Process

- NH Legislature will need to authorize the following:
 - Extension of the turnpike limits
 - Implementation of a frequent user/commuter plan (40-trip plan providing additional 10 free trips per month)
 - AET at Dover, Rochester, Bedford and Hookset ramp
 - Appropriations for advanced construction projects and new projects
 - Appropriations for Type II Soundwall Program and TDM Program

Questions

- Any questions on the proposed toll increases?

CMAQ

- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement
- NH DOT has asked that we offer an opinion on the CMAQ projects
- CMAQ process typically includes RPC involvement in developing the scoring criteria and in ranking projects for funding
- CMAQ has \$13.5 million in available federal funding

CMAQ - UVLSRPC

- We had two projects apply for funding – both from Claremont:
 - Transit Capital Purchase – to replace a 1994 diesel vac truck and a 2005 sidewalk plow
 - Road /Intersection – project will link traffic signals along Washington St.
- The road/intersection project was selected for funding. Project total is \$652,600, with federal support covering \$522,080

Questions

- Any questions on the CMAQ projects that are funded for our region or about the CMAQ program

Final Action

- GACIT has approved this version of the plan and it is now with the Governor
- Any Questions or Comments on the GACIT approved Ten Year Plan?