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Dear Ms. Butts –

Thanks again for your assistance, as well as for the assistance of your regional planning commission staff, RPC committee members and municipal staff for your efforts to assist NHDOT in developing the draft 2023-2032 NH Ten Year Transportation Plan.

As you know, the NHDOT proposed to set-aside \$50M in FHWA funding to program against new projects in years 2031 and 2032 of the draft 2023-2032 Ten Year Transportation plan. The NHDOT with agreement from the RPC Executive Directors utilized a similar distribution approach to that employed in existing multi-party MOUs, that being:

- 50% of the available funds allocated on the basis of Census population
- 50% of the funding allocated on the basis of Federal Aid Eligible lane miles

For the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission's planning area, this resulted in a regional allocation of **\$3,770,185** for the 2023-2032 Ten Year Plan.

Since the UVLSRPC submitted a list of potential projects and initial priority ranking based on the application of the 2023-2032 NH Ten Year Plan Ranking criteria in November, the NHDOT's internal committee has been meeting to discuss the submittals and consider implementation issues including:

- The assumptions related to work required to carry out the project scope.
- The estimated costs for Engineering (PE), Right-of-Way (ROW) and Construction (CON).
- Estimated schedule to carry out the work to accomplish the proposed project and plan financially

The NHDOT's internal committee is made up of the following individuals:

- Bill Oldenburg, Chair – Assistant Director of Project Development
- Pete Stamnas, Director of Project Development
- Jim Marshall, Administrator of Bureau of Highway Design
- Ted Kitsis, Administrator of Bureau of Construction
- Loretta Girard Doughty, Administrator of Bureau of Bridge Design
- Mike Dugas, State Safety Engineer
- Tobey Reynolds, Roadway Section Chief
- Don Lyford, Project Manager
- William Rose, Policy & Planning Manager

The committee has been meeting weekly since November to review and discuss the project submittals from the RPCs.

The details provided by UVLSRPC in the project submittal forms have been assistive to the Committee's understanding of the project area, needs and other necessary items to appropriately scope, schedule and budget proposed TYP projects.

What follows in this document is:

- A summary overview of the committee's findings related to your RPC's proposed 2023-2032 TYP projects.
- NHDOT thoughts on programming for Year-of-Expenditure, which will include inflation and indirect costs as appropriate.

We're providing these comments in advance of our planned meeting in order to enable a discussion as opposed to a NHDOT presentation. We want UVLSRPC staff to feel comfortable and confident in presenting the proposed project details to your TAC and full Commission for final endorsement to include in the draft Ten Year Transportation Plan that will be presented to GACIT later this year.

Please review the document in full, and we look forward to the opportunity to meet and discuss these projects. As always, should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 271.6581, or via email at William.A.Rose@dot.nh.gov.

Sincerely,

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