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March 24, 2011

**George Campbell, Commissioner
New Hampshire Department of Transportation
7 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03302-0483**

Dear Commissioner Campbell:

This letter is to inform you that at its meeting held on Friday, March 18, 2011 the Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO) Policy Committee approved Amendment #1 to the SMPO's 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as proposed by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT). The amendments made were shown in the attached legal notice that was published in Foster's newspaper, at the Rochester and Dover Public Libraries, and on the SRPC/SMPO website: www.strafford.org.

TIP Amendment #1 was approved following the appropriate public notice, a 30-day comment period that started on February 14, 2011 and ended on March 17, 2011, and public hearing held on March 18, 2011 as required for a full TIP amendment by our Prospectus.

SMPO, in consultation with NHDOT, NHDES, USEPA, FHWA, FTA, and the other NH MPOs, has confirmed that the changes made by the proposed Amendment #1 to the adopted NHDOT 2011-2014 STIP did not affect the existing and approved air quality conformity analysis from the Strafford Region.

The SMPO Policy Committee approved TIP Amendment #1. This action taken by the Policy Committee officially amends the SMPO 2011-2014 TIP to incorporate the changes indicated.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Copeland, AICP
Executive Director

cc: Strafford MPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee, NH MPO's (via e-mail)
Leigh Levine, FHWA
Bill Gordon, FTA
Bill Watson, NHDOT
Tom Fargo, NHDES

Attachment: Notice of Public Comment Period & Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD & PUBLIC HEARING
Strafford Regional Planning Commission
2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Amendment #1

The Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC), functioning as the federally mandated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is holding a 30-day public comment period on proposed **Amendment #1** to the adopted **FY 2011-2014 TIP**. The TIP is a prioritized list of federal and state funded regional transportation projects. SRPC announces its intent to amend the TIP to account for project changes and to maintain consistency with the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This process is being conducted in accordance with the Strafford MPO's Public Involvement Procedures, and Federal and State Regulations.

The public comment period will begin on **Sunday, February 13, 2011** and will end at the close of business on **Thursday, March 17, 2011**. Full Amendments to the TIP require a 30-day public comment period, a Public Hearing, and approval by the Strafford SMPO's Policy Committee.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for public review at all public libraries within the SRPC region, as well as the Strafford Regional Planning Commission office and website. Copies can be sent to interested parties upon request. The public is encouraged to offer comments on the amendment prior to the end of the business day (**5:00 PM on Thursday, March 17, 2011**). Comments can be sent via mail, email, and fax to the following information:

Strafford Regional Planning Commission
150 Wakefield Street, Suite 12
Rochester, NH 03867

Phone: (603) 994-3500
Fax (603) 994-3504
email: srpc@strafford.org
Website: www.strafford.org

A combined Public Hearing and SMPO Policy Committee meeting to address **TIP Amendment #1** will be on **Friday, March 18, 2011 at 9 am** at the SRPC office in Rochester. For further information, email Marc Ambrosi at: mambrosi@strafford.org or call (603) 994-3500.

*****PLEASE KEEP ON DISPLAY IN PUBLIC NOTICE AREA UNTIL MARCH 17, 2011.
THIS MATERIAL MAY BE RECYCLED AFTER THAT DATE *****

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