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Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization Endorsement of Amendment #5 to the FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

The Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO) has completed its review of Amendment #5 to the Highway Element of the FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in accordance with 23 CFR Part 450 Section 324 (Transportation Improvement Program: General) of the October 28, 1993 Final Rules for Statewide and Metropolitan Planning.

This Amendment to the FFY 2023-2027 TIP is financially constrained and conforms to the Montachusett 2020 Regional Transportation Plan. Based on the results of the review and analyses, the Montachusett 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and FFY 2023-2027 TIP are consistent with the air quality goals of, and in conformity with, the Massachusetts State Implementation Plan. This Amendment and TIP do not add or delete any regionally significant, non-exempt projects, nor reprogram any existing regionally significant, non-exempt projects across analysis years.

Therefore, the Committee of Signatories representing the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO) by a majority vote hereby endorses Amendment #5 to the FFY 2023 Highway Element of the Montachusett Region FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

This endorsement is signed by the MassDOT Secretary and CEO, or their appointed designee, on behalf of the entire Montachusett MPO. This action is taken after an official vote of the MPO.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina Fiandaca", is written over a horizontal line.

Gina Fiandaca, *Secretary and CEO*
Massachusetts Department of Transportation

7/26/2023

Date

Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO)
MPO ENDORSED Amendment #5 to the
FFY 2023-2027 Montachusett Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Comment Period: July 3, 2023 to July 24, 2023
MPO Endorsed: July 26, 2023

Reason for Amendment: MassDOT has notified the MPO that the project under consideration has seen a cost increase from \$6,375,205 to \$10,108,853; an increase of \$3,733,648 or approximately 58.6%. Because this represents an increase of more than 10% for a programmed project over \$5,000,000, an Amendment to the FFY 2023 Highway Element for the current FFY 2023-2027 Montachusett TIP is required. This project is also a Target project under Section 1A – Regionally Prioritized Projects. The endorsed TIP is fiscally constrained for FFY 2023 and has available \$2,260,338 in Target funds for FFY 2023. The state has also committed to fund the remaining project cost that exceeds the regional Target through statewide funds under Section 2B State Prioritized Modernization Projects. Through this mix of funding, FFY 2023 will remain fiscally constrained.

Comment: From MassDOT via email on July 17, 2023

Total cost of the project changed during the comment period resulting in the following funding breakdown.

Final MPO Endorsed Listing FFY 2023:

Section 1A - Regionally Prioritized Projects

FFY	Project #	Community	Description	Dist.	Fund Source	Total Funds	Federal Funds	State Funds
2023	607432	Westminster	WESTMINSTER- REHABILITATION & BOX WIDENING ON ROUTE 140, FROM PATRICIA ROAD TO THE PRINCETON T.L.	3	STBG	\$8,635,543	\$6,908,434	\$1,727,109

Section 2B - State Prioritized Modernization Projects

FFY	Project #	Community	Description	Dist.	Fund Source	Total Funds	Federal Funds	State Funds
2023	607432	Westminster	WESTMINSTER- REHABILITATION & BOX WIDENING ON ROUTE 140, FROM PATRICIA ROAD TO THE PRINCETON T.L.	3	STBG	\$1,239,381	\$991,505	\$242,876
2023	607432	Westminster	WESTMINSTER- REHABILITATION & BOX WIDENING ON ROUTE 140, FROM PATRICIA ROAD TO THE PRINCETON T.L.	3	TAP	\$293,885	\$235,108	\$58,777

Total Project Cost	\$10,168,809	\$8,135,047	\$2,033,762
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PRIOR Total Cost at Start of Comment Period	\$10,108,853	\$8,087,082	\$2,021,771
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Target funds remain fully committed and cost change is covered in Statewide funding within Section 2B – State Prioritized Modernization Projects,

Fiscal Constraint Analysis		
	Before Amendment #5	After Amendment #5
FFY 2023 Target Funds	\$13,383,863	\$13,383,863
FFY 2023 Programmed Projects	\$11,123,525	\$13,383,863
Balance	\$2,260,338	\$0.00