

# **Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation**

**2023-2032 Draft Ten Year Plan Overview**

**July 16, 2021**

**DOT Room 114 – Concord NH**

# High Level Issues (Highway)

## Funding - Federal Uncertainty

- Reauthorization
  - FAST Act Reauthorization expiring September 2021
  - Constraint in current TYP based on this Act - \$183M/year
- Senate EPW – funding level about 22% higher
  - More traditional approach – formula funds
- House T&I – INVEST Act, funding level 50% higher
  - Not as traditional – less formula funds w/ new program
  - Emphasis areas – climate change, transit, EV
  - Discretionary grants
- Earmarks/Additional Funds
  - Honor priorities in TYP

# High Level Issues (Transit, Airports, and Railroads)

## **Funding - Federal Uncertainty**

### Senate Commerce (STI Act of 2021)

- Covers multimodal and freight, highway and vehicle safety, motor carrier safety, research and innovation and hazardous materials.
- Funds several discretionary grant programs and Amtrak.

### Senate Banking

- Covers FTA and Transit

### Infrastructure Bill

- Framework released, no bill text
- Honor TYP priorities

# High Level Issues

## **Funding – State Impacts**

- COVID - Current projections identify reductions to Turnpike, Betterment, and SB367 revenue.
  - Traffic volume down approx. 5-7%
  - Corresponding reductions in toll collection and gas tax revenue
  - Betterment
    - Reflected mostly in paving programs and SAB
  - Turnpike
    - Capital project delays

# High Level Issues

## Funding – State Impacts

- Budget
  - \$41M in federal stimulus funds used to balance Highway Fund
  - \$5M in General funds added to Betterment in CY 2022
  - Potential ARP in 2022 to offset Turnpike revenue loss

# Active Transportation

Average \$15.1M/Year (FY23-FY32) – Individual construction projects that expand active transportation opportunities

## **Opportunities include**

- Complete Streets
- Multi-use paths
- Pedestrian/bike bridges
- New Sidewalks
- Expanded Shoulders





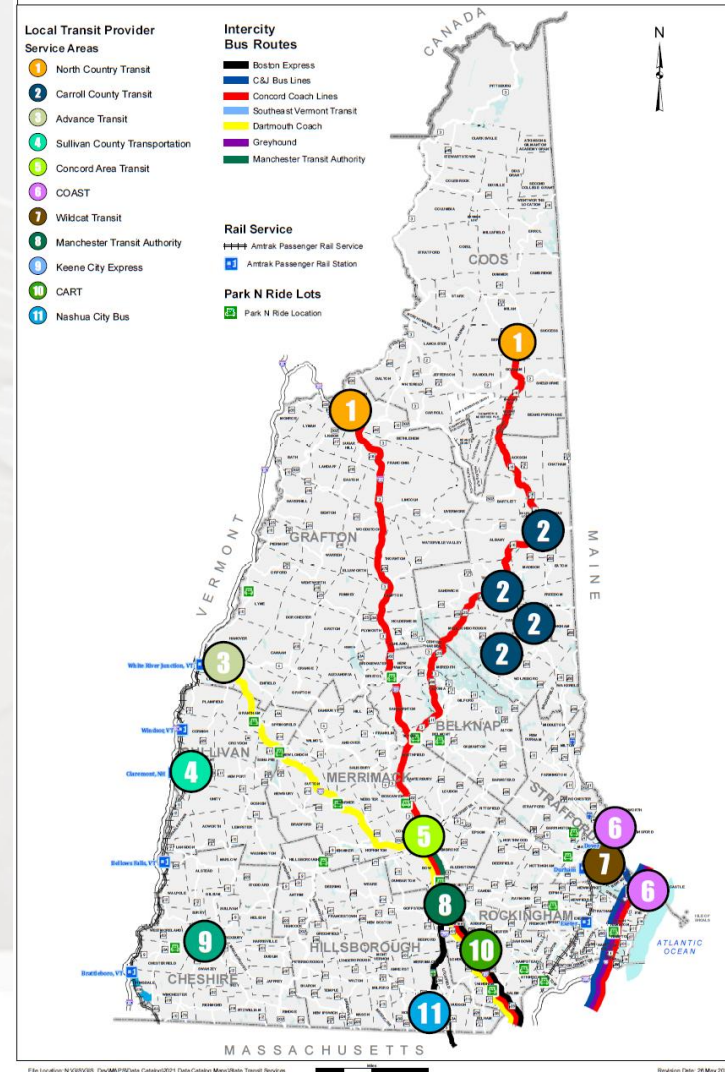
# Airport Funding

- Total of \$289M programmed in TYP (Average \$28.9M/yr)
- Funding primarily Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
  - Grants Based (Discretionary, Entitlement & State Apportionment)
  - Formula Apportionment
  - Based on FAA Designated Priorities Nationally & Regionally
- Funding restricted for planning studies, preservation, modernization, or expansion of eligible airport facilities.  
**Funding cannot be transferred to other uses.**
- NH eligible public-use airports, typically 90% FAA funds, 5% State funds & 5% local funds
- 14 Projects in TYP – listed by town & airport name

# Transit Funding

- Total of \$312M programmed in TYP (average \$31.2M/yr.)
- Funding primarily Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Funding restricted for transit services (i.e. capital, operating & planning).
- Funding cannot be transferred to other uses.
- Includes NH Capitol Corridor project development phase (SB241)

## Public Transit Services





# Rail Funding

- Total of \$10.6M programmed in TYP (average \$1.1M/yr.)
- Special Railroad Funding (approx. \$600k/yr.) primarily comes from lease agreements with private rail operators for use of State-owned rail corridors
  - Funds used for maintenance and construction on state-owned rail lines. **Funds cannot be used for other needs.**
- Railroad Revolving Loan Fund (\$1.5M every 3 years) is a State-bonded program per RSA 228:66-a for capital work on Class III and Cog Railroads





# State Bridge Aid Program

- Provides state funds to municipalities for bridges
- \$8.5M total per year, 20% match req'd by municipality through 2025 and projected to decline to \$4M by 2032
- 113 bridges enrolled currently through 2029 (65 Red Listed)
- Average cost per municipal bridge \$1.4M
- Considering using federal off-system bridge funds to offset SB367 revenue reduction for Municipal bridges (\$3.2M/year)
- Expect to conduct a solicitation to add new projects to the State Bridge Aid program in the future in the next Ten Year Plan update (to be added after 2029)
- Annual report on active projects provided to G&C



# Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)

Provides funds for transportation projects to meet non-motorized needs in the State through the design and construction of sidewalks, and on and off-road trail facilities (including abandoned rail corridors) for non-motorized forms of transportation.

## 2021 Grant Round

- \$13.4 M Total Funds (20% match required)
- \$1.25 M max funding per project
- 34 applications received requesting \$25.1M in federal funds
- DOT evaluated all projects based on established criteria
- Final list of projects to be approved by Commissioner and included in Draft Ten Year Plan for GACIT review and adoption

# Proposed Draft Ten Year Plan Strategies

- Federal Re-authorization (Assume additional funds)
- Senate EPW – funding level about 22% higher
- Recommend Constraint: \$230M average 2023-2026 and \$237M level funded 2027 – 2032
  - Accelerate existing TYP projects where possible
  - Fully fund existing TYP projects
  - Modify existing programs to improve projected conditions in outer years by including inflationary adjustments
  - *Consider new projects in outer years to improve safety & capacity*
- GARVEE bonding – Convert to federal funds
  - Current '23 issue - \$70M (Seabrook-Hampton, Sutton 4R)
  - Current '26 issue - \$95M (Bow-Concord, Loudon-Canterbury NH106)
  - Consider GARVEE for outer years of TYP to expand the program



# Proposed Draft Ten Year Plan Strategies

Continued

- Delay Turnpike Capital Projects
  - Manchester Exit 6 & 7 – delay start 3 years from 2024 to 2027
  - Bow-Concord – delay turnpike portion by 2 years from 2026 to 2028
- Constrain State Funded Programs to current projected revenue
- Maintain & extend all programs by 2 years
  - Inflate those under DOT control - \$123M increase over 10 years
- Utilize federal off-system bridge funds to offset SB367 revenue reduction for Municipal bridges (\$3.2M/year)

# Next GACIT Meeting

Wednesday September 1, 2021

## **Agenda**

- Present Draft TYP outcomes
- Review logistics and content of Fall Hearing presentation
- Review on-line virtual public involvement survey
- Additional Items?