APPENDIX A: Letters of Support

INFRA Grant 2020 Application

Bow-Concord, I-93 improvement project, INFRA Grant, anticipated letters of support

NH Senator Jeanne Shaheen

NH Senator Maggie Hassan

Congresswoman Ann Kuster

Congressman Chris Pappas

NH Governor Chris Sununu

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City of Concord Mayor Jim Bouley

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United States Senate

February 28, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

I write in support of the application from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant from the United States Department of Transportation for the Bow-Concord Interstate 93 Improvements Project.

Strengthening and modernizing our transportation infrastructure is critical to helping people and businesses thrive. Built in the late 1950's and early 1960's, the 5-mile segment of Interstate 93 in New Hampshire, from south of Interstate 89 in Bow to north of Interstate 393 in Concord, experiences high traffic volumes. Nearly 80,000 vehicles a day travel this portion of the interstate, creating a principal north-south arterial within New Hampshire. As part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, this segment also interchanges with Interstate 89 and Route 3, providing east-west connection.

The original roadway capacity of this four-lane corridor has been surpassed by the population growth and increased tourist and freight traffic that moves throughout the area. As a result, there is congestion that causes travel delay and safety deficiencies. During peak periods, delays on I-93 can reach 30 minutes.

The proposed project would eliminate this delay, making it much easier to reach tourist destinations and allow business traffic to make deliveries without delay. Today, the Interstate in Bow goes from three lanes in each direction to two lanes. This funding would add a lane in each direction to increase capacity to reduce congestion, improve travel time, and improve safety. The project will also upgrade four interchanges, replace a red-list bridge, and address safety issues along the corridor.

This proposed project represents a significant investment in regional transportation needs that would maintain and enhance quality of life for area residents, promote economic development, and ensure the continued economic vitality of the region. I urge you to look favorably upon their application. Please do not hesitate to contact Dorothy Parsons in my office at (603) 622-2204 if we can be of further assistance. Thank you for your consideration.

With every good wish,

Maggie Hassan

Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator

CC: Commissioner Victoria Sheehan, NHDOT

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February 25, 2020

Secretary Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to you today in support of the 2020 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA 2020) Discretionary Grant proposal in the amount of $61 million submitted by New Hampshire Department of Transportation for the "*Bow-Concord Interstate 93 Improvements Project*". The project improves a 5-mile segment of Interstate 93 (I-93) from south of Interstate 89 (I-89) in Bow to north of Interstate 393 (I-393) in Concord. I ask that you take this project into thoughtful consideration.

The INFRA grant application targets the southern half of the project from I-89 in Bow to Exit 13, which is the connection to US Route 3 in Concord and has the highest traffic volumes. The project includes adding a lane in each direction on I-93, adding auxiliary lanes between interchanges, upgrading four interchanges, replacing a red-list bridge, and addressing safety issues along the corridor.

This section of I-93, in central New Hampshire, was built in the late 1950's and early 1960's, as an early part of the Interstate Highway System. The Interstate is a critical transportation link creating a principal north-south arterial within New Hampshire and is part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. This segment also interchanges with I-89 and US Route 3 providing an east-west connection. The roadways are used daily by commuters and tourist traveling into and out of the state. The roadways also provide critical links for the movement of goods locally and regionally throughout the state. The original roadway capacity of this four-lane corridor has been surpassed by the population growth and increased tourist and freight traffic that moves throughout the area. As a result, there is congestion that causes travel delay and safety deficiencies. During peak recreational periods, delays on I-93 can reach 30 minutes. The proposed project would eliminate this delay and make it much easier to reach tourist destinations and allow business traffic to make deliveries without delay. Within this segment there are also red list bridges that are critical to the continued use of the corridor.

Today the Interstate in Bow reduces from 3 lanes in each direction to 2 lanes in each direction. This proposed project will add a lane in each direction to increase capacity to reduce congestion, improve travel time and improve safety. This will extend the 6-lane typical through Concord, so traffic is able to more easily reach the connecting roadways. The red list bridges will be rebuilt as part of the capacity improvements thus ensuring the long-term ability of traffic to move through the region. Businesses in the area rely on these connections daily to facilitate delivery of goods and services throughout the area.

The project is consistent with state of good repair plans for NHDOT and appears in the New Hampshire's approved Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

The proposed application represents a significant investment for the regional transportation needs that would maintain and enhance the quality of life for area residents, promote economic development, and ensure the continued economic vitality of the communities and the region.

Thank you again for your full consideration of this application. Please contact Kari Thurman in my office at (603) 935-6710 if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Congressman Chris Pappas

CC: Commissioner Victoria Sheehan, NHDOT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

March 2, 2020

Secretary Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I strongly support the 2020 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA 2020) Discretionary Grant proposal in the amount of $61 million submitted by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for the "*Bow-Concord Interstate 93 Improvements Project.*" The project improves a 5-mile segment of Interstate 93 (I-93) from south of Interstate 89 (I-89) in Bow to north of Interstate 393 (I-393) in Concord. Nearly 80,000 vehicles a day travel this portion of I-93. The INFRA grant application targets the southern half of the project from I-89 in Bow to Exit 13, which is the connection to US Route 3 in Concord and has the highest traffic volumes. The project includes adding a lane in each direction on I-93 and auxiliary lanes between interchanges, upgrading four interchanges, replacing red-list bridges, and addressing safety issues along the corridor.

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Sincerely,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC: Commissioner Victoria Sheehan, NHDOT

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February 24, 2020

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