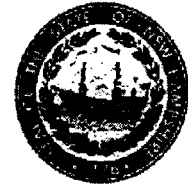




THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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August 9, 2013
 Bureau of Rail and Transit

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
 Fiscal Committee of the General Court
 State House
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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 Approved by Fiscal Committee 9/13/13 Date

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
 and the Honorable Council
 State House
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

- Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Transportation to Budget and Expend prior year carry-forward funds in the amount of \$708,945 from the Special Railroad Fund for the maintenance and repair of State-owned railroad lines effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2014.
- Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Transportation to Accept and Expend current year revenue in the amount of \$178,288 from the proceeds form the sale or lease of railroad properties, for the maintenance and repair of State-owned railroad lines effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2014.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows: 100% Other Funds (Special Railroad Funds).

04-096-096-960010-2991 Special Railroad Fund	FY 2014 Budget	Requested Change	Revised Budget
Expenses:			
020 500241 Current Expense	0	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
022 500242 Rents-Leases Other than State	0	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
073 500579 Grants Non Federal	0	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000
400 500871 Construction	0	\$797,233	\$797,233
Total	0	\$887,233	\$887,233
Source of Funds			
Revenue:			
009-407323 Agency Income	\$0	(\$887,233)	\$887,233
Total	\$0	(\$887,233)	\$887,233

3. Pursuant to RSA 228:69, I (b), authorize the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Rail & Transit, to expend an amount not to exceed \$887,233 from the Special Railroad Fund for maintenance and repair of State-owned railroad lines and bridges effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2014.

EXPLANATION

RSA 228:68 establishes the Special Railroad Fund for the deposit of revenues produced on the state-owned railroad corridors through user fees paid by railroads, leases and fees paid by other landowners, and other revenues. This dedicated fund is required to comply with Federal regulations that require lease or other income on property acquired with Federal funds to be used to maintain those properties.


RSA 228:69, I (a) requires that 20 percent of the 2013 calendar year railroad user fees deposited in the Special Railroad Fund be paid to the cities and towns through which the state-owned railroad lines pass. These amounts will be paid out to the respective towns at the end of fiscal year 2014.

RSA 228:69, I (b) authorizes the Department of Transportation to expend funds from the Special Railroad Fund on maintenance and repair of state-owned railroad lines. The Department will use these funds to continue repairs and maintenance activities including track, minor bridge and drainage projects on state-owned lines in 2014. The cost of engineering and construction administration will also be paid from these funds. The Special Railroad Fund receives revenues derived from railroad user fees, leases and crossing agreements, and a portion of the state railroad tax. The Department of Transportation, Bureau of Rail and Transit, will reimburse the railroads operating on the State-owned rail lines and other responsible parties for their infrastructure construction and maintenance expenses on the State-owned rail lines and bridges. The operating railroads on the State owned rail corridors, and the estimated construction funds (400 500871) to be encumbered and expended on their operating lines are:

Department of Transportation (Vendor 177927)	\$ 72,233
Plymouth & Lincoln Railroad (Vendor 157711)	\$230,000
New Hampshire Central Railroad (Vendor 157337)	\$ 60,000
Conway Scenic Railroad (Vendor 154819)	\$330,000
New England Southern Railroad (Vendor 161682)	\$ 35,000
Milford-Bennington Railroad (Vendor 156441)	\$ 35,000
Claremont-Concord Railroad (Vendor 156559)	\$ 35,000

To resolve unanticipated events and circumstances on the State-owned rail lines, the estimated amounts listed above are subject to adjustment by the Administrator of the Bureau of Rail & Transit. Your approval is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Christopher D. Clement, Sr.
Commissioner

Department of Transportation
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Special Railroad Fund

Estimated revenue budgeted:	\$	178,288
Prior year carryforward revenue:	\$	708,945
Additional non-budgeted revenue:	-	<hr/>
Amount available to budget:	\$	887,233
Less current FY14 budget authorization:	\$	<hr/> -
Total available for budgeting:	\$	887,233
Amount to be budgeted this request:	\$	<hr/> 887,233
Amount available to budget with future requests:	\$	<hr/> -

Source of Non-Budgeted Revenue	Amount	Expenses through 6/30/13	Balance
Prior year carry forward	\$ 708,945	\$ -	\$ 708,945
Revenue received up to 8/6/2013	\$ 178,288		\$ 178,288
Totals	<hr/> \$ 887,233	<hr/> \$ -	<hr/> \$ 887,233

Amounts from Statement of Appropriations for Org 2991 Dated 8-06-2013

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Statement of Appropriations by Office

Fiscal Year 2014

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Company 0010 General Fund
Agency 096 TRANSPORTATION DEPT OF
Organization 2991 SPECIAL POLICE/FD
RUR/DIV 9600 ADMINISTRATION
SUB-ORG 2991SNR

Class	Appropriation	Fed Revenue	Expended	Revenue	Encumbrances	Transfers	Impact	Bal Fwd	Available Bal
009 AGENCY INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00	178,288.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	708,845.16	887,231.75
Organization	0.00	0.00	0.00	178,288.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	708,845.16	887,111.75
Activity	0.00	0.00	0.00	178,288.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,031,286.05	1,209,574.86