



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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The Honorable Neal M. Kurk, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Bureau of Rail and Transit
May 15, 2017

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 228:69 I (b), authorize the Department of Transportation to enter into agreements with Railroad Operators, for an amount not to exceed \$900,000 from the Special Railroad Fund for the maintenance and repair of State-owned railroad lines for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, effective upon Fiscal Committee and approval by Governor and Council. 100% Other Funds (Special Railroad Funds).

Funding is available in the fiscal year 2018 and 2019 budget, contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds, with the authority to adjust encumbrances in each of the State fiscal years through the Budget Office if needed and justified.

	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
04-96-96-964010-2991 Special Railroad Fund 400-500871 Construction Repair Materials	\$450,000	\$450,000

EXPLANATION

The Department's Special Railroad Fund is established by RSA 228:68 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. Typical maintenance and repair activities of State-owned railroad lines include track, minor bridge and drainage projects as well as the cost of engineering and construction administration.

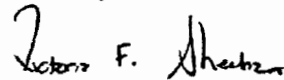
The Department, in accordance with RSA 228:69 I (b), is entering into agreements with the railroads that operate on the State-owned railroad lines to maintain and repair the State-owned railroad lines on which they operate for State fiscal years 2018 and 2019. The Department's Bureau of Rail and Transit 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:

Agency	Vendor #	SFY 18	SFY 19
Department of Transportation	177927	\$30,000	\$30,000
Plymouth & Lincoln Railroad	157711	\$120,000	\$140,000
New Hampshire Central Railroad	157337	\$60,000	\$40,000
Conway Scenic Railroad	154819	\$120,000	\$140,000
New England Southern Railroad	161682	\$50,000	\$50,000
Milford-Bennington Railroad	156441	\$50,000	\$30,000
New England Central Railroad	160565	\$20,000	\$20,000
TOTAL		\$450,000	\$450,000

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. Should funds not become available, no General Funds will be used.

Your approval is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Victoria F. Sheehan
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