



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
September 25, 2017

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

[Signature]
Approved by Fiscal Committee Date 10/25/17

REQUESTED ACTION

- Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Transportation to Accept and Expend revenue in the amount of \$325,000 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, 2018.

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

04-096-096-960010-2991 Special Railroad Fund	FY 2018 Budget	Requested Change	FY 2018 Revised Budget
Expenses:			
018 500106 Overtime	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
020 500241 Current Expense	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
022 500242 Rents-Leases Other than State	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
046 500463 Engineering Consultants	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
048 500226 Contractual Maint Build-Grn	\$18,000	\$0	\$18,000
060 500601 Benefits	\$792	\$0	\$792
073 500579 Grants Non Federal	\$73,000	\$5,000	\$78,000
400 500871 Construction	\$450,000	\$310,000	\$760,000
Total	\$600,792	\$325,000	\$925,792
Source of Funds			
Revenue:			
009 407323 Agency Income	\$600,792	\$325,000	\$925,972
Total	\$600,792	\$325,000	\$925,972

- 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 \$310,000 from the Special Railroad Fund for the maintenance and repair of State-owned railroad lines effective upon approval by Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through 6/30/2018. 100% Other Funds (Special Railroad Funds).

EXPLANATION

1. 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. 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 received unanticipated revenue, in the amount of \$325,000, for the placement of billboard advertisements on state-owned railroad property; this revenue was not anticipated when the fiscal year 2018 budget was being developed and therefore the Department requests to budget this additional revenue accordingly.

2. Per RSA 228:69, I (a), twenty percent of the state's receipts from each railroad operating agreement shall be distributed annually to the cities and towns through which the active state-owned railroad lines used in each such agreement pass in proportion to the active state-owned track present in each such city or town. The 2017 calendar payments will be paid out to the respective towns during fiscal year 2018.

The Department, in accordance with RSA 228:69 I (b) and as approved via Item #55 at the June 21, 2017 Governor & Council meeting, entered 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. With regard to the additional class 400 Construction funds being budgeted through this request, the Department requests the following construction funds (400 500871) to increase existing contract encumbrances for the operating railroads identified below:

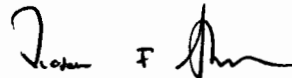
Plymouth & Lincoln Railroad	(Vendor 157711)	\$50,000
New Hampshire Central Railroad	(Vendor 157337)	\$100,000
New England Southern Railroad	(Vendor 161682)	\$70,000
Milford-Bennington Railroad	(Vendor 156441)	\$90,000
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TOTAL CLASS 400		\$310,000

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.

The request for additional Consultant expenses will utilize an existing statewide contract and is not requesting a new consultant agreement.

Your approval is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Victoria F. Sheehan
Commissioner

Attachment

Department of Transportation
Fiscal Situation Fiscal Year 2018
04-096-096-964010-2991

Special Railroad Fund

Estimated revenue budgeted YTD:	\$ -
Prior year carryforward revenue:	\$ 1,114,547
Estimated FY18 revenue:	<u>\$ 600,792</u>
Amount available to budget:	\$ 1,715,339
Less current FY18 budget authorization:	<u>\$ 600,792</u>
Total available for budgeting:	\$ 1,114,547
Amount to be budgeted this request:	<u>\$ 325,000</u>
Amount available to budget with future requests:	<u>\$ 789,547</u>

Source of Non-Budgeted Revenue	Amount	Expenses through 8/31/2017	Balance
Prior year carry forward	\$ 1,114,547	\$ -	\$ 1,114,547
Estimated FY18 revenue	\$ 600,792	\$ 176,472	\$ 424,320
Totals	<u>\$ 1,715,339</u>	<u>\$ 176,472</u>	<u>\$ 1,538,867</u>

Amounts from Statement of Appropriations for A/U 2991 Dated 8/31/2017