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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Victoria F. Sheehan Commissioner William Cass, P.E. Assistant Commissioner

Bureau of Rail & Transit May 22, 2018

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

## **REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Rail & Transit to retroactively pay SUR Construction, Inc. of Rochester, NH (Vendor # 156303) an amount up to \$12,760.75 as a sole source vendor, to perform emergency repairs of a large sink hole and slope collapse that developed at a historic Granite Stone Arch at Cains Brook without any warning on the state-owned abandoned Hampton Branch Railroad Corridor in Seabrook on April 18, 2018, effective upon Governor and Council approval from May 11, 2018 through May 17, 2018. FY 2018 YTD vendor is over the Governor and Council threshold. 100% Other Funds (Special Railroad Funds).

Funding is available as follows:

| 04-96-96-964010-2991                      | <u>FY 2018</u> |  |
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| Special Railroad Fund                     |                |  |
| 400-500871 – Construction Repair Material | \$12,760.75    |  |

## **EXPLANATION**

This item is **retroactive** because on April 18, 2018 the Town of Seabrook contacted the Department with regard to a large sinkhole and slope collapse by the Cains Brook Granite Stone Arch that developed on the state-owned abandoned Hampton Branch Railroad Corridor in Seabrook forcing the Department to work with the Town to block off access to this area. The Bureau mobilized our own forces to conduct site assessments, develop a scope of work, obtain an emergency Wetlands Permit and search for available qualified local contractors. Ultimately our Bureau requested the assistance of SUR Construction, Inc. of Rochester, NH to make the necessary repairs to eliminate the safety issue and prevent damage to the historic granite arch. Once an Emergency Wetlands Permit was issued, SUR Construction was able to quickly mobilize forces and complete all repairs over the course of a week, in five business days; work was fully completed on Wednesday, May 17, 2018.

Sole source Explanation: The Bureau was provided with a list of approved, local State contractors through the Department's Highway Maintenance District 6 office. The Department was issued an Emergency Permit from the Department of Environmental Services that required work be completed by May 31, 2018. As such, SUR Construction, Inc. was selected as they had the staff and equipment resources, scheduling flexibility, materials and expertise to quickly and effectively make all the repairs in accordance with the Bureau's scope of work and DES's permit requirements.

It is respectfully requested that this resolution be approved.

Sincerely,

Victoria F. Sheehan Commissioner