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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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Bureau of Finance and Contracts
January 6, 2016

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

REQUESTED ACTION

- 1.) In accordance with Governor and Council approval of July 19, 1995, Item #171, the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Finance and Contracts, reports all paid Small Claims in the previous second quarter of FY 2016 totaling \$1,034.50 for individual amounts less than \$600.00 submitted under the provisions of RSA 228:29.
- 2.) The Department further requests approval of Governor and Council to pay small claims for the next Fiscal Year quarter, January 01, 2016 through March 31, 2016. 100% Highway Funds.

Funding is available as follows:	<u>Appropriation FY 2016</u>	<u>Paid to date</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>
04-96-96-960215-3001 Division of Finance			
068-500563 Remuneration	\$5,000.00	\$2,388.80	\$2,611.20

EXPLANATION

RSA 228:29, authorizes the Commissioner to use funds accruing to the Department of Transportation for the payment of small claims occasioned by accidents due to the activities of the Department of Transportation. Any person claiming damage due to the activities of the Department of Transportation may seek payment of the small claim if the amount is less than \$600.00. If, upon investigation, the small claim is valid, the Commissioner shall submit the recommendation for payment to the Governor and Council for approval.

To improve efficiency in processing these small claims, and to be more responsive to those claimants awaiting payment for a small claim, the Department of Transportation initiated a blanket approval process at the beginning of Fiscal Year 1996. The revised process was approved by Governor and Council on July 19, 1995 as Item #171. The process requires the Department of Transportation to seek approval from the Governor and Council prior to each Fiscal Year quarter and submit the claims paid in the previous quarter.

A review of claims approved for payment during the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2016, to date, indicates that four claims were paid.

Claimant: Steven Hart

Amount: \$247.50

Mr. Hart's vehicle was damaged on NH Route 16 in Errol, New Hampshire on August 6, 2015 when he encountered the freshly painted yellow centerline paint. The Department's pavement marking crew was applying paint and did encounter a rainstorm causing the line to wash out.

Claimant: Kyle and Amy Turley

Amount: \$100.00

Mr. and Mrs. Turley's vehicle was damaged on I-93 between Exit 4 in Derry and I-89 in Concord, New Hampshire on July 30, 2015 when they encountered the freshly painted white edge line. The Department's pavement marking crew was applying paint to the open broken white lines on the interstate. In this operation the crew does not use cones, only trail vehicles and a police detail.

Claimant: Perdita Largesse

Amount: \$471.00

Ms. Largesse's vehicle was damaged on NH Route 26 in Dixville Notch, New Hampshire when she encountered the freshly painted yellow centerline paint. The Department's pavement marking crew initially striped NH Route 26 on August 27, 2015 and did encounter a rainstorm causing a washout. On October 12, 2015, the crew painted the remainder of the road and did not encounter a washout. The photos submitted with the claim show that the damage was caused by a rain event.

Claimant: Andy Pearson

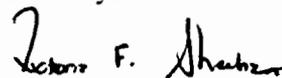
Amount: \$216.00

Mr. Pearson's vehicle was damaged on NH Route 26 in Dixville Notch, New Hampshire when he encountered the freshly painted yellow centerline paint. The Department's pavement marking crew initially striped NH Route 26 on August 27, 2015 and did encounter a rainstorm causing a washout. On October 12, 2015, the crew painted the remainder of the road and did not encounter a washout. The photos submitted with the claim show that the damage was caused by a rain event.

A summary of the action taken on all claims for Fiscal Year 2015 is on file at the Department of Transportation.

Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Victoria F. Sheehan
Commissioner