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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Victoria F. Sheehan
Commissioner

William Cass, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner

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

Executive Office
October 2, 2019

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Transportation to enter into an agreement with the Town of Exeter (vendor # 177386) for the Town to reconstruct a portion of state owned and maintained NH Route 85/Newfields Road from 90 feet south of the center of the railroad overpass (NH Bridge #100/095) just north of the Exeter Public Works Driveway south to the existing Urban Compact approximately 0.6 miles. The Department will contribute up to \$550,000.00 of Betterment funds for drainage and pavement improvements to this section of road. Upon completion of the project the Department will reclassify this section of state owned and maintained class II road to town owned and maintained class IV road, effective upon Governor and Council approval through July 1, 2020. (100% Betterment Funds)

Funds to support this request are available in the following account in Fiscal Year 2020:

Funding is available as follows:	<u>FY 2020</u>
04-96-96-963015-3039	
Betterment	
400-500870 Highway Contract Payments	\$550,000.00

EXPLANATION

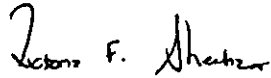
The Town of Exeter was planning a significant utility project including water and sewer reconstruction along NH Route 85 generally between the urban compact line and the Town's Department of Public Works Facility. As part of this construction the roadway was to be significantly impacted. The Department and the Town agreed it was mutually beneficial to reconstruct the road, for the Town of Exeter to take ownership of the road and for the Department to avoid utility permitting, inspection and future coordination.

The Town agreed to extend the urban compact, from its current location to the limits of the affected portion of NH Route 85, provided the Department will contribute an amount not to exceed \$550,000 towards new drainage and pavement related items as needed to reconstruct NH-85 disturbed by the Town of Exeter's proposed water and sewer force main project. This contribution will meet the Department's responsibility to rehabilitate the road prior to the reclassification from Class II to Class IV. Upon reclassification future allocations of Block Grant Aid distributed by the Department to the Town of Exeter would reflect the additional proportional share of Class IV mileage that the Town would be responsible for maintaining as a result of this reclassification.

The Agreement has been approved by the Attorney General as to form and execution. Copies of the fully executed agreement are on file at the Secretary of State's Office and the Department of Administrative Services' Office and subsequent to Governor and Council approval will be on file at the Department of Transportation.

It is respectfully requested that this item be approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria F. Sheehan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V".

Victoria F. Sheehan
Commissioner

Attachment