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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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

August 5, 2013

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 4:19, the Office of the Governor, on behalf of the Department of Transportation, requests authorization for an appropriation to be established in the amount of \$150,000, to be utilized for the repairs to State owned and maintained stream bed drainage culvert systems in the Towns of Westmoreland and Walpole, NH, damaged by severe rain and flooding conditions experienced during the period of June 28, 2013 through July 2, 2013, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% General Funds (less anticipated 75% FEMA reimbursement).

Funds are to budgeted in an existing Dept of Transportation accounting unit entitled "Reimbursable Maintenance & Repair" as follows:

	Current Modified Budget FY2014	Requested Change	Revised Budget FY2014
04-096-096-964010-2936			
Reimbursable Maintenance & Repair			
Expenses:			
020 500100 Current Expenses	\$1	\$0	\$1
400 500871 Construction Repair Material	\$1	150,000	150,001
Total	\$2	\$150,000	\$150,002

Source of Funds			
000-000010 General Fund	\$2	\$150,000	\$150,002

EXPLANATION

During the period of June 28, 2013 through July 2, 2013, severe rain and flooding caused damage to granite arches located in Westmoreland and Walpole. These arches are located on the State owned abandoned Cheshire Branch Railroad corridor that is currently used as a recreational trail. Since the damage is located on a rail corridor, the repairs are not Highway fund eligible and no legislative appropriation exists to fund the work. The Department has received emergency approval from DES to make the repairs and the work needs to be done immediately before future heavy rains cause even more damage to the granite arches.

In Westmoreland, the requested funds will be used to clean up storm damage and prevent further erosion at the outlet end of the granite arch. The granite blocks and gravel from the granite arch that washed into the brook need to be removed to prevent the material from being carried further downstream and causing damage to abutting landowners. The eroded slopes at the end of the granite arch need to be protected with class A rip rap to prevent further erosion from washing into the brook. The proposed work described above will stabilize the flood damage and additional funds will be required for final reconstruction of the collapsed outlet header and to complete all necessary related site work.

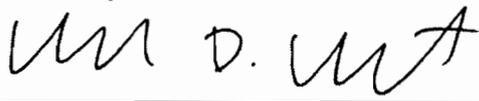
In Walpole, the requested funds will be used to repair the concrete toe walls supporting the arch that were undermined during the flooding. Further erosion at the toe walls could cause portions of the granite arch to collapse causing damage downstream and incurring much higher costs for cleanup and repair.

FEMA declaration **DR-4139** for the period June 26-July 3 was signed by the President on August 2, 2013 making the proposed repair work explained above eligible for 75% reimbursement of the requested and expended funds.

4:19 Emergency Repairs. - In case of emergency occasioned by the partial or total destruction, failure, or damage, by fire or otherwise, of any building or any other property belonging to the state, or used by any state department, or in the case of destruction or failure of, or damage to, the physical or technological infrastructure of any department or other state entity, the governor, with the consent of the council, may provide by contract for such repairs, new building, new property, or new equipment or may provide by contract for such temporary accommodation as he or she may deem necessary to replace those destroyed, damaged, or which have failed, and may draw warrants in payment for the same from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner