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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Victoria F. Sheehan
Commissioner

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The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Division of Project Development
March 29, 2019

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to accept and expend revenue in the amount of \$500,000.00 from a Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives (STSFA) Grant from the Federal Highway Administration matched with Turnpike Toll Credits. This grant provides funding that will allow states to study and test user-based alternatives to support the traditional gas tax upon the date of Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2019. 100% Federal Funds.

In SFY 2019, funds shall be accepted and expended within 04-096-096-963515-3054 Consolidated Federal Aid as follows:

04-096-096-963515-3054	Current Budget FY2019	Requested Change	Revised Budget FY2019
Consolidated Federal Aid			
Expenses:			
018 500106 Overtime	\$159,591	\$0	\$159,591
020 500200 Current Expense	199,438	0	199,438
022 500255 Rents-Leases, Other than State	42,331	0	42,331
023 500291 Heat Electricity Water	9,942	0	9,942
024 500225 Maint Other than Build-Grn	202,306	0	202,306
026 500251 Organizational Dues	110,250	0	110,250
030 500311 Equipment New Replacement	274,178	0	274,178
037 500173 Technology-Hardware	2,650	0	2,650
038 500175 Technology-Software	1,261,108	0	1,261,108
039 500180 Telecommunications	5,213	0	5,213
046 500464 Consultants	46,994,381	500,000	47,494,381
050 500109 Personal Services-Temp	179,495	0	179,495
060 500601 Benefits	63,777	0	63,777
065 500541 Board Expenses	80,000	0	80,000
066 500543 Employee Training	98,975	0	98,975
070 500704 In-State Travel Reimbursement	320,097	0	320,097
080 500710 Out of State Travel Reimbursement	88,839	0	88,839
103 502664 Contracts for Operational Services	284,967	0	284,967
400 500869 Construction/Repair Materials	258,654,447	0	258,654,447
401 500877 Land Interest	15,945,487	0	15,945,487
Total	\$324,977,472	\$500,000	\$325,477,472
Source of Funds			

Revenue:			
000-409151 Federal Funds	\$297,135,618	\$500,000	\$297,635,618
005-402851 Private Local Funds	4,312,579	0	4,312,579
009-401771 Agency Income	4,761,258	0	4,761,258
000-000015 Highway Funds	18,768,017	0	18,768,017
Total	\$324,977,472	\$500,000	\$325,477,472

EXPLANATION

The Department requests authorization to accept and expend the proceeds from a Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives (STSFA) Grant, a special program of the Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$250,000.00 to be used to study the Road Usage Fee and test user-based alternatives to support the traditional gas tax.

The study will include four major components:

1. Mapping vehicle registration VIN data to EPA miles per gallon data;
2. A report including revenue estimations and forecasts as well as administrative and equity considerations;
3. A Work Plan for how the fee could be implemented (should such a fee be approved); and
4. An evaluation plan to assess the fee and provide feedback to stakeholders.

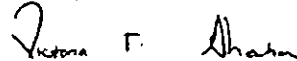
We intend the study to be performed by the firm Cambridge Systematics through an task order under their consultant services agreement for on-call professional consulting services in support of on-going asset management initiatives including services for modeling & forecasting, data governance, application rationalization, data quality, and risk assessment as well as other asset management services. Cambridge Systematics was selected for the original agreement in large part for the firm's ability to work with complex data, systems, modeling, and forecasting. All of those competencies are integral to the work involved with studying the Road Usage Fee. The firm has personnel with experience working on STSFA projects in other states and in the energy (fuel) sector.

A funding match is required as part of the Grant agreement. The Department will use \$250,000.00 of Turnpike Toll credits as match for this grant.

In the event that the Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Victoria F. Sheehan
Commissioner

Attachment

Department of Transportation
FISCAL SITUATION FISCAL YEAR 2019
04-096-096-963515-3054

Consolidated Federal Aid

Estimated revenue budgeted:	\$	73,345,912
Prior year carryforward revenue (SFY 2018):	\$	-
Additional non-budgeted revenue:	\$	<u>500,000</u>
Amount available to budget:	\$	73,845,912
Less current FY19 budget authorization:	\$	<u>73,345,912</u>
Total available for budgeting:	\$	500,000
Amount to be budgeted this request:	\$	<u>500,000</u>
Amount available to budget with future requests:	\$	<u>-</u>

Source of Non-Budgeted Revenue	Amount	Expenses through 3/31/2019	Balance
Federal Revenue 000-409151	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000
Totals	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>

Amounts from Statement of Appropriations for AU 3054 Dated 3/31/2019
Federal Revenue is from a Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives - FMIS Code Z444