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

## **REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 21-I: 14, I (b) (4); RSA 541-A: 1, XV; and RSA 4:15, the Department of Administrative Services requests approval of an amendment to Chapter MOP 150 of the DAS Manual of Procedures so as to clarify when the "Informational Report" should be presented to the Governor and Executive Council. The amendment would change existing MOP 150, V, A, 12 as follows (language to be removed is stricken, with new language bold and underlined):

12. Issue Department of Transportation, Bureau of Right of Way awards of funds in an amount of \$5,000 or more. Awards of less than \$5,000 shall be submitted to the Governor and Executive Council as an "informational report." Awards of less than \$5,000 shall be paid by the Department of Transportation without prior specific approval by the Governor and Executive Council, but the Department shall, after payment, submit a list of all such awards as an "informational report" quarterly to the Governor and Executive Council.

By approving this item, the Executive Council would authorize inclusion of this amendment in subparagraph 12 of MOP 150, V, A, effective upon Governor and Council approval.

## **EXPLANATION**

At the Governor and Executive Council meeting on August 17, 2022, MOP 150, V, A 12 was approved, requiring Right of Way awards greater than \$5,000 be submitted to the Governor and Executive Council for approval prior to payment and those less than \$5,000 be included in an informational report. While the item was approved, Council has asked the Department to submit a follow up item clarifying when the information report should be submitted. The requested action above is presented to address such request.

Respectfully submitted,

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