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From: Executive Councilor Colin Van Ostern <bounce@bounce.myngp.com> on behalf of Executive Councilor Colin Van Ostern <colinvo@vanostern.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2015 3:01 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Executive Council Report: Transportation Planning

Friends,

November was a busy month for the Executive Council: calling the legislature into special session to accelerate solutions to the opioid crisis; confirming five judges (and rejecting one on a 3-2 vote); and approving 123 individual items (see below for key projects by region).

This Monday, the Council held its second to last meeting on the state ten year transportation plan. Still in draft form, a vote is scheduled on 12/16 to send to Governor Hassan and then the legislature, the plan includes:

Positives:

- More road resurfacing planned in each of the next three years than in 16 of the past 17 years.
- Several key projects have moved from the 'unfunded priority' list to the actual plan (such as a feasibility plan to study a new exit 10 on the Spaulding Turnpike, now scheduled for 2023)
- We have successfully accelerated some large scale high priorities, such as the Hinsdale bridge replacement (now scheduled to begin in 2019 vs 2021 in the prior plan) and Exit 4A on I93 (now drafted for 2019 vs 2023).

Negatives:

- Councilors voted 3-2 to remove the Capitol Corridor rail project as an identified priority.
- Numerous needed projects (such as moving to overhead tolling, expanding I-93 in Bow & Concord and Rt 3 north of Nashua) are still years away from beginning.

For more detail, visit: <http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/typ/>

Below, see links to the full Council agenda considered in November, and below that, key projects I've highlighted by region, as well as key statewide initiatives & appointments. In December, the Council meets on 12/2 and 12/16.

Sincerely,

Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

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(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

KEY PROJECTS PASSED BY REGION

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

#A. Authorized the Bureau of Highway Design to amend an agreement with McFarland-Johnson Inc., Concord, NH and Binghamton, NY (originally approved by G&C on 11-20-13, item #123), to prepare the second phase of the preliminary engineering design for the section of Interstate 93 passing through Bow and Concord from I-89 through I-393, by extending the completion date from December 31, 2015 to June 30, 2017. No Additional Funding.

#26 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH, for the Senior Energy Assistance Services Program, in the amount of \$9,801. Effective November 18, 2015 through August 31, 2016. **100% Other Funds (NH DHHS).**

#37 Authorized to enter into a contract with Scott J. Rubin, Bloomsburg, PA, to provide expert testimony, Litigation assistance, and other services related to representing the interests of residential utility customers in dockets at the NH Public Utilities Commission, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2016. **100% Public Utility Assessment Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

#B. Authorized the Bureau of Highway Design to amend an agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., Bedford, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8-10-11, item #135), for the final design for the reconstruction and widening of a 2.7 mile section of NH 12 in the Towns of Walpole and Charlestown, by extending the completion date from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016. No Additional Funding.

#C. Authorized to amend a lease agreement with Brady Sullivan Properties d/b/a Brady Sullivan Keene Properties LLC, Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8-26-15, item #45), to adjust the occupancy date and rental payment schedule to commence two (2) months and seventeen (17) days later on November 17, 2015 and expiring ten (10) years later on November 16, 2025. No Additional Funding.

#29 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Southwestern Community Services Inc., Keene, NH, for the Senior Energy Assistance Services Program, in the amount of \$6,760. Effective November 18, 2015 through August 31, 2016. **100% Other Funds (NH DHHS).**

#42 Authorized to amend a Grant Agreement with the City of Keene, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 3-26-14, item #52), to complete the project involving the restoration of approximately one acre of emergent/scrub-shrub wetlands previously disturbed at Woodlawn Cemetery, by extending the end date to June 30, 2017 from December 31, 2015. No Additional Funding. **100% ARM Funds.**

#43 Authorized to award an Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund grant to The Monadnock Conservancy, Keene, NH, in the amount of \$140,000 to acquire a conservation easement on two parcels of land totaling 552 acres in Keene, Swanzey and Chesterfield. Effective upon G&C approval through June 1, 2016. **100% Aquatic Resource Mitigation Funds**

#16 Authorized the Bureau of Population Health and Community Services, Oral Health Program, to exercise a renewal option and enter into a **retroactive** amendment to an agreement with Sullivan County Oral Health Collaborative Inc., Claremont, NH (originally approved by G&C on 7-10-13, item #48), to provide access to preventive and reparative oral health treatment for individuals participating in the statewide community and school based oral health program, by increasing the price by \$47,896 from \$47,896 to \$95,792, and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2017. **44.7% Federal, 55.3% General Funds.**

#32 Authorized to enter into an agreement with the Cheshire Conservation District, Walpole, NH, to create and conduct a program to help expand farmer access to wholesale markets in and around Cheshire County, in the amount of \$36,041. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2017. **100% Federal Funds – Specialty Crop Block Grant.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

#A. Authorized the nomination of Captain Peter D. Eshenour, Dover, NH, for promotion to the rank of Major, NH Air National Guard. This officer meets all prerequisites for the grade, having been found to be physically, mentally, morally, and professionally qualified.

#12 Authorized to add Frisbie Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NH to a list of licensed medical providers, with the ability to expand to include additional licensed medical providers to provide necessary outpatient visits, labs, diagnostic tests, and outpatient procedures for clients enrolled in the NH Ryan White CARE Program. No Maximum client or services volume is guaranteed. Accordingly, the price among all agreements is \$100,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2016. **100% Other Funds**

#28 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Dover, NH, for the Senior Energy Assistance Services Program, in the amount of \$3,149.20. Effective November 18, 2015 through August 31, 2016. **100% Other Funds (NH DHHS).**

#26 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to award a grant to the Pease Development Authority to design, permit and bid the rehabilitation and expansion of taxiways and the associated drainage system at the Skyhaven Airport, in the amount of \$123,105.22. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2019. **90% Federal, 5% General, 5% Local Funds.**

#45 Authorized to enter into grant agreements with the entities as detailed in letter dated September 25, 2015, totaling \$24,006 to fund Household Hazardous Waste collections. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2016. **100% Hazardous Waste Cleanup Funds.**

Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to **retroactively** enter into a grant agreement with the City of Rochester, for the purchase of approved emergency management tablets, software and user fees for a total amount of \$9,335. Effective August 28, 2015 through September 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

#32 Authorized to award a **sole source** grant to the University of NH, Sponsored Programs Administration, Durham, NH, in the amount of \$134,301 to assess the costs and benefits of a family leave insurance program in NH. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

#49A Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Inc., New York, NY, to provide technical and administrative services for continuation of the NH Carbon Dioxide Budget Trading Program, in an amount not to exceed \$375,000. (2) Further Authorized to make annual advance payments upon invoice by RGGI Inc. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2018. **100% CO₂ Trading Funds.**

#50 Authorized the Bureau of Assessment and Accountability to enter into a **sole source** agreement with the College Board, New York, NY, to administer the SAT assessment in grade 11 to ensure a continuation of assessment services to meet federal and state law, in an amount not to exceed \$613,272.45. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2016, with the option to renewal for up to one additional fiscal year. **27% State, 73% Federal Funds.**

#C. Authorized to amend an agreement with the City of Dover, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-5-13, item #135), for the *Berry Brook / Cocheco River Watershed Management Plan Implementation Phase III Project* by changing the completion date to December 31, 2016 from December 31, 2015. No Additional Funding. **100% Federal Funds.**

#17 Authorized to accept and expend Treatment Drug Court federal funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the amount of \$324,997. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2016. **Fiscal Committee approved.**

#18 Authorized to accept and expend NH Partnerships for Success Initiative federal funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the amount of \$2,231,951. Effective upon G&C approval through September 29, 2016. **Fiscal Committee approved.**

#36 Authorized to enter into a contract with The Liberty Group, Quentin, PA, for the conduct of a management and operations audit of EnergyNorth Natural Gas d/b/a Liberty Utilities, in an amount not to exceed \$299,940. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2016. **100% Utility Assessment Funds.**

#53 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to accept and expend Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for DR-4026 T.S Irene, DR-4095 Hurricane Sandy, and DR-4105 February Snowstorm in the amount of \$1,200,143 for the implementation of cost-effective mitigation projects. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2017. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved.**

#65 Authorized to accept and place on file the October 2015 quarterly report of the project to construct a new Marine Patrol facility in Gilford, NH (approved by G&C on 1-1-15, item #37).

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

(* = District 2 Resident)

New Nominations by Governor Hassan:

Assessing Standards Board

Richard A. Vincent, Hill

Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Compact

Duncan McInnes, Merrimack

Director of the Division of Program Support at the Department of Education

Scott J. Mantie, Sanbornton

Land and Community Heritage Authority

Harold Janeway, Webster*

Director of Marketing, Merchandising, and Warehousing at the Liquor Commission

Nicole Brassard Jordan, Manchester

Manufactured Housing Installation Standards Board

Gary Francoeur, Hudson

Milk Sanitation Board

Martha C. Crete, Boscawen*

Bethany L. Hodge, Hinsdale*

Bonnie Hurley, Colebrook

New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board

Robert F. Hamel, Manchester

Telecommunications Planning and Development Advisory Committee

Rodney A. Bouchard, Alstead*

Robert D. Ciandella, New Castle

Ingo F. Roemer, Dover*

Waste Management Council

Stephen R. Crean, Goffstown

Confirmed by the Council:

Deputy Adjutant General

Warren M. Perry, Bow

State Committee on Aging

Norma J. Brettell, Glen

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

Monica L. Edgar, Meredith

Compensation Appeals Board

Timothy S. Wheelock, Portsmouth

Dental Hygienists Committee of the Board of Dental Examiners

Mary Duquette, Hopkinton*

Electricians Board

Jack Grube, Londonderry

Genetic Counselors Governing Board

Katarzyna J. Bloch, Lebanon

Board of Nursing

Kathleen Ferguson, Windham

Rivers Management Advisory Committee

Roger F. Noonan, New Boston

Board of Court Reporters

Denise Cascio Bolduc, Hooksett

Susan J. Robidas, Manchester

Family Mediator Certification Board

Candace F. Dochstader, Hollis

Health Exchange Advisory Board

Nancy Clark, Intervale

Executive Director of the Land and Community Heritage Authority

Dorothy Tripp Taylor, Hopkinton*

Midwifery Council

Carolyn E. Drake, Gilford

Board of Psychologists

Catherine E. Shanelaris, Merrimack

Retirement System Board of Trustees

Hershel D. Sosnoff, Silver Lake

Volunteer NH Board of Trustees

Craig T. Saltmarsh, Boscawen*

Christine Williams, Bedford

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