

## Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission

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Concord City Council  
Concord City Hall  
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Subject: Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program for McKee Square Intersection Improvements

Dear Members of the City Council;

CNHRPC is continually tracking Federal funding opportunities and seeking pathways for implementation of transportation projects in Concord and across the CNHRPC region. CNHRPC and City staff have identified the McKee Square Intersection Improvement (CIP #31) as an excellent candidate for funding through the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program. We are committed to assisting with the application if the City chooses to go forward with an application.

This October, the McKee Square intersection improvement was evaluated by the CNHRPC Technical Advisory Committee as a possible NH Department of Transportation Ten Year Plan project. After review and a competitive scoring process against four other regional transportation priorities, the Technical Advisory Committee ranked this project first in the region for inclusion in the 2025-2034 Ten Year Plan. This result strongly states the need and support for the project, and puts it on a path toward being programmed into the next 2-year cycle of the NHDOT Ten Year Plan, with funding for construction likely to be programmed for sometime around 2034.

A successful CMAQ application would allow the project to advance in the Ten Year Plan much sooner than 2034, and will give the City more flexibility to match the construction schedule to the project's development and the City's Capital Improvement Program. In addition, it would free up funding from the CNHRPC's regional Ten Year Plan allocation for other transportation needs in the region.

CNHRPC recognizes a McKee Square roundabout project is eligible under CMAQ guidelines, and given the quality of the project and anticipated competitiveness of the program, it stands a strong chance of being selected for funding.

Continued City investments in project development through the conceptual and design process in advance of any Federal funding will position the project to be completed sooner and in a more streamlined manner, and may help keep the CMAQ grant application within the maximum grant award.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Craig Tufts", is written over a horizontal line.

Craig Tufts  
Senior GIS/Transportation Planner

Enclosures

cc: Matt Walsh  
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