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DERRY – LONDONDERRY PUBLIC OFFICIALS/INFORMATIONAL MEETING

SEEKING INPUT ON THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR NEW EXIT 4A INTERCHANGE

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) will hold a Public Officials and Public Information Meeting in Derry on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 to seek input on the preferred alternative for the I-93, Exit 4A interchange with an easterly connection to NH Route 102. In conjunction with this meeting, the NHDOT will also be seeking testimony in accordance with RSA 228:4 on the use of Design-Build procurement to deliver the preferred alternative.

The preferred alternative will construct a new interchange on I-93 in Londonderry between Exits 4 and 5, approximately 0.6 miles north of Ash Street Extension overpass, and a new roadway connection extending east for approximately 0.75 miles to join North High Street near its intersection with Madden Road in the Town of Derry. The improvements along I-93 will extend approximately 0.6 miles to the north and south from to the new interchange. The project will also include improvements along North High Street between Madden Road to Franklin Street intersections, along Folsom Road between Franklin Street and Manchester Road/Crystal Avenue (NH 28), and along Tsienneto Road between the intersections of Manchester Road/Crystal Avenue (NH 28) and Chester Road (NH 102). The total length of improvements along North High Street, Folsom Road and Tsienneto Road is approximately 2.2 miles. Approximately 2,000 feet of Chester Road (NH 102) will be improved near the intersection with Tsienneto Road.

The NHDOT is considering the use of a Design-Build procurement method for the final design and construction of the project upon completion of requirements under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and issuance of the Record of Decision by the Federal Highway Administration. RSA 228:4 (d) states "Statewide transportation improvement program projects with a cost in excess of \$25,000,000 may be developed and constructed utilizing the design build concept based on a request for proposal provided the department first

demonstrates that using the design build concept for the project in question benefits the state more than using conventional contracting methods. The department shall hold a publicly noticed hearing to take comment on its proposal to use the design build concept for a particular project. ...”

The joint Public Officials/Public Information Meeting and Design-Build Public Hearing is scheduled for July 25, 2018 at 6:30 PM, at the West Running Brook Middle School Gymnasium, 1 West Running Brook Lane, in Derry, New Hampshire.

The purpose of this Public Meeting is to present citizens and public officials with information regarding the proposed project and to solicit public input in order to ensure that project decisions meet public transportation needs, community goals, and protect and enhance the environment. Accordingly, NHDOT assures that this project will be administered according to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all related statutes to ensure nondiscrimination.

Comments on the use of Design-Build procurement will be accepted during a 30-day public comment period following the publicly noticed hearing. Written comments on the use of Design-Build Procurement may be submitted to Keith A. Cota, PE, Chief Project Manager, NHDOT, 7 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 483, Concord, NH 03302-0483 or via email at Keith.Cota@dot.nh.gov. At the close of the comment period, the Department will evaluate the use of Design Build Procurement prior to seeking approval through Governor and Executive Council.

This project may have an effect on cultural or historic resources that are potentially eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Individuals or organizations with a demonstrated interest in the potential impacts to historic resources have an opportunity to become Consulting Parties under Section 106 of the National Preservation Act. Additional information will be provided at the public informational meeting.

Any individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication equipment due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact the Bureau of Right-of-Way, NHDOT, PO Box 483, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0483 or call 603-271-3222 – TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964. Notification for the need of assistance should be made at the earliest convenience. If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the proposed project, call (603) 271-2171. Other information about the project can be found on the NHDOT web site at <http://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/specifics.htm>