

Changes to TIGER II Pre-Application Information Haverhill - Plaistow MBTA Commuter Rail Extension

Three material changes have occurred in the project since the pre-application was filed. These are reflected in the table below which shows changes in the entries in the pre-application. They are summarized as follows:

- Most significantly, the **project applicant** has changed from the Rockingham Planning Commission/MPO to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. This change was made at the request of the MBTA and with the full support of the Town and the MPO, in order to facilitate the establishment of a bi-state project agreement. A number of the information items in the pre-application changed as a result. Per instructions from Robert Mariner, the Application ID has not changed.
- The **project description** changed to include 3 bi-level coaches instead of 2;
- The **TIGER II Funds** request decreased to \$19,057,847 and **Total Project Cost** increased to \$29,457,520;
- **NEPA comment** was modified to reflect change in applicant and shorter timeframe for completion of process (from December 2011 to July 2011);
- The **20% Matching Funds Comment** has changed to further specify the MBTA match commitment and reflect further progress on developing the bi-state project agreement.

INFORMATION ITEM	PRE-APPLICATION	CHANGES IN FINAL APPLICATION
Project Name	Haverhill-Plaistow MBTA Commuter Rail Extension	-no change-
Application ID	sbogle@rpc-nh.org-1736	-no change-
DUNS	99363210	808591697
Applicant / Organization Name	Rockingham Planning Commission	New Hampshire Department of Transportation
Applicant / Organization Contact Person	Cliff Sinnott, Executive Director	Christopher Morgan, Administrator, Bureau of Rail and Transit
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Applicant / Organization Contact City	Exeter	Concord
Applicant / Organization Contact State	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
Applicant / Organization Contact Zip	03833	03302-0483
Primary Applicant Type	Metropolitan Planning Org.	State Government - Department of Transportation
Co-Applicant Type	Local Govt.	Local Govt. & Metropolitan Planning Org.
Project Description	Extend MBTA Boston commuter rail service, and relocate MBTA Bradford layover facility, to Plaistow, NH. Project includes construction of a new passenger station and siding; expansion of existing multimodal park and ride, site purchase and construction of layover facility, and purchase of two bi-level coaches to support expanded ridership.	Extend MBTA Boston commuter rail service, and relocate MBTA Bradford layover facility, to Plaistow, NH. Project includes construction of a new passenger station and siding; expansion of existing multimodal park and ride, site purchase and construction of layover facility, and purchase of three bi-level coaches to support expanded ridership.
Total Amount Requested from TIGER II Funds	\$21,180,800	\$19,057,847
Total Project Cost	\$28,106,192	\$29,457,520
NEPA Comment	The Rockingham MPO and Town of Plaistow are working with the NH Department of Transportation to initiate the NEPA process per 23 CFR part 771. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is anticipated. Proposed use is consistent with current industrial zoning for both the proposed layover and station sites. Completion of Environmental Assessment process is anticipated by December 2011.	The NH Department of Transportation has initiated the NEPA process per 23 CFR part 771, begun a resource inventory reconnaissance and prepared a schedule for EA completion. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is anticipated. Proposed use is consistent with current industrial zoning for both the proposed layover and station sites. Completion of Environmental Assessment process is anticipated in July 2011.
Project has secured 20% Matching Funds	Yes	-no change-
20% Matching Funds Comment	The MPO and Town are working with the MBTA to identify the precise inter-state/agency method for providing at least 20% match. We expect to reach agreement shortly. The project will also involve previously awarded NH CMAQ funding for station construction, and in-kind contributions over and above the minimum 20% match	The MBTA has committed to provide the required match for the TIGER II Discretionary grant funds subject to the execution of project agreement between the MBTA and NHDOT which is expected to occur in November. The project will also involve previously awarded NH CMAQ funding for station construction, and in-kind contributions over and above the minimum 20% match.

