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**Public Notice of the
Salem-Plaistow-Windham Metropolitan Planning Organization
2005-2007 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment #3**

On August 14th the Salem-Plaistow-Windham (SPW) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will begin a 30 day public comment period on a proposal to amend the MPO 2005-2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include funding for startup of the Greater Derry-Salem Regional Transit Initiative. This will be the 3rd amendment programmed for the 2005-2007 TIP. The 30 day public comment period will open on August 16th, 2005 and will continue until September 16th, 2005.

The amendment adds the following line items to the TIP:

Greater Derry-Salem Regional Transit Initiative (Salem, Plaistow, Windham, Atkinson, Sandown, Danville, Hampstead, Pelham, Derry, Londonderry, Chester): Establishes a call center coordinating scheduling and dispatching for multiple transit provider agencies; and expands demand-response transit service in the region by activating additional hours on existing vehicles in the region.

<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>	<u>Federal Sources</u>
Operations	\$ 12,500	50% FTA/50% non-federal match
Total	\$ 12,500	
<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>	<u>Federal Source</u>
Operations	\$ 449,400	50% FTA/50% non-federal match
Preventive Maintenance	\$ 46,300	80% FTA/20% non-federal match
Total	\$ 495,700	
<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>	<u>Federal Source</u>
Operations	\$ 566,900	50% FTA/50% non-federal match
Preventive Maintenance	\$ 64,600	80% FTA/20% non-federal match
Total	\$ 631,500	

The federal share of the project will be drawn from FTA Section 5307 Urban Formula funds, while non-federal matching funding includes municipal dollars, a pilot grant from the Endowment for Health, and other eligible private sector dollars. Operations are matched at a 50%-50% rate, while preventive maintenance is funded at a rate of 80% federal and 20% nonfederal. Additional capital purchase of vans is not anticipated during the startup phase of the project, as the project will focus on activating currently idle time on existing vehicles in the region.

Funds will be managed for an interim period of 24 months by the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA). Funds allocated for FY 2005 (\$12,500) will cover time of MVRTA staff in developing the grant application to FTA, meeting with participating provider agencies to finalize system structure, as well as managing the procurement process for a broker contractor to run the project's call center. Funds for FY 2006 include an estimated \$127,000 to staff and equip a brokerage call center; \$258,500 in vehicle operations (approximately 240 vehicle hours/week); \$42,100 in preventive maintenance; and \$23,000 in administrative costs. A 10% contingency is assumed, given volatility in fuel and insurance expenses, bringing the total for FY2006 to \$495,700. Funds for FY 2007 include an estimated \$130,800 for brokerage operations; \$360,900 in vehicle operations (approximately 320 vehicle hours/week); \$58,700 in preventive maintenance; and \$23,700 in administrative costs. With the 10% contingency, the total for FY2006 is \$631,500.

Comments should be addressed to the Rockingham Planning Commission, 156 Water Street, Exeter, NH 03833 (email: email@rpc-nh.org); and should reference FY 2005-2007 SPW TIP Amendment #3. Copies of the proposed amendments are available for inspection at all Town Halls in the MPO area, the Town Libraries in Plaistow and Salem, at the RPC office, and on the RPC website (<http://www.rpc-nh.org/>). For further information contact the Rockingham Planning Commission (778-0885).

A combined Public Hearing and MPO Policy Committee meeting to address TIP amendment #3 will be held on Wednesday, September 14th, 2005 at the Plaistow Public Library, 85 Main Street, Plaistow, at 6:30 PM.