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Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties, New Hampshire

Final

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Reevaluation/Section 4(f) Evaluation

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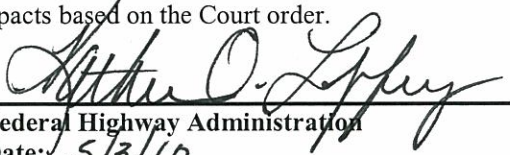
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Abstract: The proposed project involves a 19.8-mile segment of Interstate 93 (I-93) from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire state line northward through the Towns of Salem, Windham, Derry, and Londonderry, and ending at the I-93/I-293 interchange in the City of Manchester. The purpose of the project is to increase transportation efficiency within the corridor by reducing congestion and enhancing safety. The proposed project involves widening I-93 from the existing limited access two-lane highway in each direction to a limited access four-lane highway in each direction. Five existing interchanges and cross roads within the project corridor will be reconstructed. The project also includes new park-and-ride facilities, bus service, and ride-sharing opportunities to Boston and Northern Massachusetts.

This Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) and reevaluation serves as a supplement to the April 2004 Interstate 93 Improvements Salem to Manchester Final Environmental Impact Statement (2004 FEIS) (FHWA-NH-EIS-02-01-F). This FSEIS was prepared to meet the requirements of the August 30, 2007 decision of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire in the case Conservation Law Foundation v. Federal Highway Administration and New Hampshire Department of Transportation (Civ. No. 06-cv-45-PB (D.N.H)). The District Court directed the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to prepare a SEIS specifically addressing the effects of induced population and employment growth estimates on: 1) the effectiveness of the Selected Alternative from the 2004 FEIS in reducing traffic congestion, 2) traffic on secondary roads, and 3) air quality issues. This FSEIS also provides a comprehensive reevaluation of the environmental impacts and mitigation associated with the Selected Alternative, including changes resulting from design refinements, changes in existing conditions, changes in the relevant environmental regulations or laws, changes in mitigation measures or other environmental commitments and changes in analysis methods and potential impacts based on the Court order.


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