



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Victoria F. Sheehan
Commissioner

William Cass, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner

April 27, 2018

Re: Statewide 41614

Planning Board Chairman
Paul Gorman
375 Main Street
New London, NH 03257



Dear Mr. Gorman:

The NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is planning the subject highway safety improvement project in the Towns of Plymouth, New London, Wilmot, Andover, Boscawen, Salisbury, Hancock, Bennington, Wilton and Milford. The purpose of this project is to preserve or rehabilitate the existing pavement sections to keep their riding surface in good condition in order to prevent a more extensive treatment from being needed in the near future. Other improvements may include guardrail replacement, upgrade of sidewalk tip down units for ADA compliance, shoulder leveling, signing and minor drainage. Locations include NH Route 3A in Plymouth, NH Route 11 in New London-Wilmot-Andover, US Route 4 in Andover-Salisbury-Boscawen, US Route 202 in Hancock-Bennington, NH 101 in Wilton and the NH Route 101/NH Route 101A intersection in Milford. All proposed work is within the State right-of-way. A location map is enclosed.

Engineering studies have been initiated to refine the scope and limits of work necessary for this project. The Department's Bureau of Environment is in the process of evaluating the potential environmental impacts associated with the project. To assist in this evaluation, I am asking that you notify me of any concerns relative to the project's potential impacts on environmental, social, economic, or cultural resources, such as wetlands, historic properties, and invasive plant species.

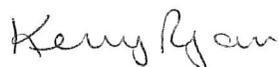
Some transportation projects require mitigation for possible wetland/stream impacts. The natural resources in this project area have not yet been identified and investigations are forthcoming. Preliminary engineering studies have begun and the Department will attempt to avoid, and minimize impacts through design before determining if there will be any stream or wetland impacts that may require mitigation. **As a proactive measure the Department would like to request a list of the Town's preferred/priority mitigation efforts that the Department may evaluate and consider undertaking if it is determined that the project does in fact require mitigation. Please let us know if your Town has identified such priorities.** In the absence of any Town priorities to evaluate the Department will pursue permittee responsible mitigation through the Stream Passage Improvement Program (SPIP). If it's determined that no viable options exist through the SPIP, the Department will pursue a payment into the Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund (ARM Fund), at which time those funds will become competitively available through the ARM fund grant process.

As such, does the Town have a list of priority mitigation efforts (Top 10 Priority List) that the DOT may evaluate and consider undertaking if it is determined that the project does in fact require mitigation? If so, please provide the list. (e.g. problematic culvert/bridge crossings, land protection, habitat restoration, etc.)

The tentative advertising date for this project is September 11, 2018. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require further information regarding the project. This letter has been sent to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Historical Society.

Thank you for your assistance.

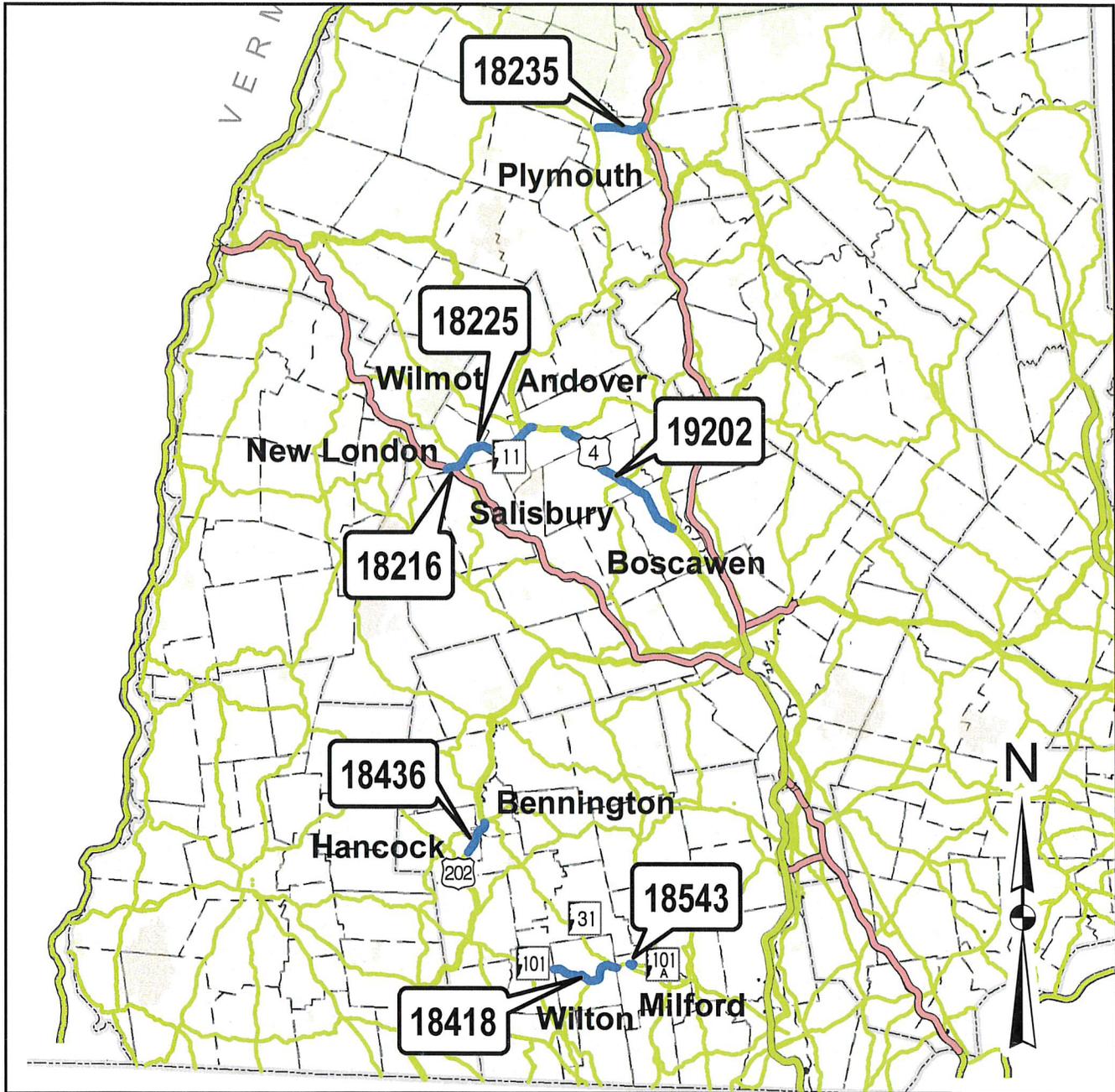
Sincerely,



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Encl.

41614 - ALL LOCATIONS



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LEGEND

- Streams
- Water Bodies
- US Routes
- State Routes
- Interstates
- Local Roads
- Town Boundary
- Project Routes



State #: 41614
Federal #: X-A004 (702)
LOCATION MAP

