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Environmental Assessment
Nashua-Manchester, 40818
(Capitol Corridor Commuter Rail Extension)

AT: Commissioner's Office

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), in conjunction with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), has prepared this pre-decisional Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) available for information purposes only, which examines the potential environmental impacts being considered for the Nashua-Manchester, 40818 (Capitol Corridor) Commuter Rail Extension project in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, which would extend the existing MBTA commuter rail service 30 miles from Lowell, MA to Manchester, NH. The pre-decisional draft EA has been prepared consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et. seq. and its implementing regulation, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1500-1508, published at 85 Federal Register 43304, and in accordance with requirements of joint Federal Highway Administration/Federal Railroad Administration/Federal Transit Administration Environmental Impact and Related Procedures (23 C.F.R 771).

This is not a final environmental document and the contents have not been vetted by stakeholders, nor approved for official public release by the FTA; the technical information contained herein is accurate to the best of NHDOT's knowledge, but no decisions have been rendered on its use or applicability to the project outcomes by either NHDOT or FTA. Also, as this is a pre-decisional Draft Environmental Assessment document, neither NHDOT or FTA are accepting public comment or feedback.