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Neil Niman, Council Chairman
Town of Durham
15 Newmarket Road
Durham, NH 03824-5571

Re: DURHAM, #14453
Wiswall Road over Lamprey River, Bridge #070/073
State Aid Bridge Program

Dear Mr. Niman:

I am pleased to inform you that the subject project has been selected by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation as a State Aid Bridge Project. The State of New Hampshire is using the American Recover and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) program to leverage federal and state funds for local transportation projects, thus enabling the construction phase costs of your project to be eligible for 100% reimbursement based on the latest construction cost estimate of \$2,127,000.00. Normally the cost sharing for the construction phase of a project like this would be 80% State funds and 20% local match.

The addition of ARRA funds to the State's transportation program has allowed the Department to increase federal funding to local communities through the following three municipal programs that are part of the State's Ten Year Transportation Plan: State Aid Bridges, State Aid Highways and Transportation Enhancements. As a result, \$18.9 million in additional funding will be provided to these programs: \$13.0 million for State Aid Bridges, \$2.0 million for State Aid Highways and \$3.9 million for Transportation Enhancements. Although the ARRA program has facilitated increased funding to communities, actual funding for construction of your project will be from a combination of non-ARRA federal highway funds, 60%, and State Aid Bridge funds, 40%. We believe this approach will provide the most feasible, cost-effective method for processing these projects using federal funds.

Nancy Mayville, Municipal Highways Engineer with the Department of Transportation, or others from the NHDOT's Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance will be contacting you directly to coordinate the development and prosecution of this project. This unique approach is maximizing the use of federal funds to assist with critically important local transportation projects. This effort will create and sustain jobs, while rehabilitating critical sections of our municipal infrastructure. In keeping with the intent of the Recovery Act, it is important that this project be put under contract as soon as possible.

Sincerely

George N. Campbell
Commissioner