

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Zoom Webinar

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. John Cloutier, Chair

Rep. Michael Edgar

Rep. John Graham

Rep. Tom Buco

Rep. Mary Beth Walz

Rep. David Danielson

Sen. Lou D'Allesandro

Rep. David Watters

Sen. Regina Birdsell

(The meeting convened at 9:05 a.m.)

JOHN CLOUTIER, State Representative, Sullivan County, District #10, and Chairman: Are we ready? Okay, good. So I've got to read this for Right-to-Know purposes. Bear with me.

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Okay. So begin, I am the Chairman, John Cloutier. This has been my home in Claremont and I have my brother leaving -- but he's leaving for work in a few minutes. Thank you. Go ahead, Representative. Okay. Start with Representative Edgar, please.

MICHAEL EDGAR, State Representative, Rockingham County, District #21: Do you want me to call the roll?

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Yeah, if you could do that, please. And I've already taken care of myself.

REP. EDGAR: Right. Representative Buco.

THOMAS BUCO, State Representative, Carroll County, District #02: Present, and I'm alone here at home.

REP. EDGAR: Representative Danielson.

(No response).

REP. EDGAR: Representative Edgar, I'm here, and my wife is in the other room. So is Seabee, the doggie. But Representative Graham.

JOHN GRAHAM, State Representative, Hillsborough County, District #07: I'm here at home in Bedford, and I am alone.

REP. EDGAR: Representative Walz. Can't hear you.

MARY BETH WALZ, State Representative, Merrimack County, District #23: I just unmute me. I'm sorry. I said I am here in my home in Bow and I'm alone.

REP. EDGAR: Senator Watters.

DAVID WATTERS, State Senator, Senate District #04: I am here in Dover, and my wife is in another room.

REP. EDGAR: Senator Birdsell.

REGINA BIRDSELL, State Senator, Senate District #19: I am home in Hampstead and my husband is up in the office upstairs.

REP. EDGAR: Senator Bradley.

(No response.)

REP. EDGAR: And Senator D'Allesandro.

LOU D'ALLESANDRO, State Senator, Senate District #20: This is Senator D'Allesandro. I'm at home in Manchester and my wife is in the other room.

REP. EDGAR: Very good. That's -- that's the roll and, obviously, have a -- obviously have a quorum.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Good.

CHRISTOPHER SHEA, Deputy Legislative Budget Assistant, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant: Excuse me, Representative Cloutier. Representative Danielson should be coming into your call now.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. All right.

REP. WALZ: And I'd like to correct the roll. While I'm alone there are other people in the house. My husband and my daughter are at the other side of the house.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. All right. Thank you, Representative Walz. Representative Danielson, thank you for joining us.

DAVID DANIELSON, State Representative, Hillsborough County, District #07: You're welcome. Representative, you're welcome. And my wife is in the house. That's all.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: All right. Okay. And I do want to correct the record again. My brother just left so now I'm alone in my house. Okay. So let us begin. If we called the roll for attendance. Thank you, Representative Edgar.

(2) **Acceptance of Minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting**

(3) **Old Business**:

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CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Old Business. Nothing under Old Business. Oh, excuse me. Stand corrected. We do have to do the minutes, acceptance of the minutes of the January 13, 2020, meeting, which was carried over from the March 16th, 2020, meeting. So anybody --

****** REP. DANIELSON: Danielson -- Danielson moves acceptance.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay, Representative Danielson. Do I have a second on that?

SEN. WATTERS: Watters.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: A motion by Representative Danielson, a second by Senator Watters to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2020, meeting. Any questions, comments?

REP. WALZ: Yes.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay, go ahead.

REP. WALZ: I have a comment. You can't have a January meeting carried over from the March meeting. You can have the March meeting carried over from January, but you can't have it the other way around. I'm reading it the way it's written here it's backwards.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. I just was reading on the agenda.

REP. WALZ: Well, I'm reading it on the agenda, too. And perhaps the minutes are correct. But the way it's written on the agenda, it's backwards. And you can't carry a meeting over in January from March that hasn't happened yet.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. I don't know. Of course, to be honest with you, we never really had the March. It was cancelled because of the Pandemic. So I don't know. Maybe I shouldn't have said that. So I think unless somebody has a criticism or just vote on I would say the January 13, 2020,

meeting. Does that -- okay, you understand what I'm saying, Representative Walz?

REP. WALZ: I do. I just wanted -- when I read that, I thought we need to correct this in what we're doing here.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Thank you. I appreciate your correction. Okay. We all set?

REP. EDGAR: Excuse me. Excuse me for cutting in. I wanted to ask Representative Danielson, do you want me to continue to work as the clerk or you taking over now that you're here?

REP. DANIELSON: You can continue to work. I came in a little late so you can continue.

REP. EDGAR: Okay. Very good. Thank you.

REP. DANIELSON: Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Thank you, Representative Danielson. Thank you, Representative Edgar, for calling the roll. Go ahead, please.

REP. EDGAR: Representative Buco.

REP. BUCO: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Representative Danielson.

REP. DANIELSON: Here. Present.

REP. EDGAR: For the minutes for January.

REP. DANIELSON: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: I'll abstain. I wasn't -- I wasn't here. Representative Graham.

REP. GRAHAM: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Representative Walz.

REP. WALZ: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Senator Watters.

SEN. WATTERS: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Senator Birdsell.

SEN. BIRDSELL: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Senator Bradley's not here. Senator D'Allesandro.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: And Representative Cloutier.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Okay.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: All right. What was the result of the vote, Representative Edgar?

REP. EDGAR: I got to click the nos here I didn't click. So it is 8, 2, and 1. Eight yes, two absent, and one abstain.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: One abstain. All right. Okay. All right. Thank you. The motion carries. Minutes for January 13, 2020, are approved.

**** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Nothing under Old Business. Let us go now to New Business.

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(4) **New Business:**

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Under Chapter 41:11 (sic), Laws of 2016 Transfers, and this is RSA 12-G:46, a part -- Roman numeral III, Harbor Dredging and Pier Maintenance Fund. Okay, this is Item 20-010, Pease Development Authority, Division of Ports and Harbors, request authorization to, one, transfer the remaining balance of 23,900 from the Hampton Dredging Capital Project Appropriation, Chapter 146, House Bill 25-A, Roman numeral VIII A (sic), to Rye Harbor Dredging Capital Project appropriation, Chapter 146, House Bill 25-A, Roman numeral VIII B (sic) ("Rye") and, two, expend up to \$100,000 from the Harbor Dredging and Pier Maintenance Fund to cover the Capital Budget shortfall -- Capital Project shortfall for the purpose of mooring, removal, and replacement in association of the Rye Project, as specified in the request dated September 17th, 2020. And I believe we have Mr. Geno Marconi here to speak to this item. If you want to go ahead, please, Mr. Marconi.

GENO MARCONI, Director, Division of Ports and Harbors, Pease Development Authority: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee. I'm in the office here in Portsmouth, and with me is Chief Harbor Master, Tracy Shattuck.

The purpose of these -- these two requests is with Hampton Harbor, although the project -- the books on the project done in Hampton have not been closed out, there was \$23,990 that was unexpended at the time. When we got into the Rye Harbor Project, suddenly there was some unanticipated and historically unrequired work to be done down there. The EPA was requiring soil samples and corings and other things like that to test the dredge material that was going to be taken offshore to a newly permitted disposal site. So that -- that was -- that cost us more money than we had projected for the project. So with the left over 23,990 we'd like to move that over and use it to offset those additional costs that we've got going down there.

There was a footnote to this also is that it's been indicated to us by the Corps of Engineers that it looks like we may be getting a reimbursement. We don't know how much, but when the actual project was closed out down in Hampton, it looks like we may have overpaid a little bit of money. And the Corps is intending to reimburse us that. And, again, we don't know what it is, but there is something else coming back.

But going back to Rye Harbor, some of the costs have escalated since the time we put this Capital Request together and was passed by the Legislature. We're about to start the project. The company that's going to be removing the moorings is mobilized down there and started pulling the moorings. The contractor will be mobilizing on-site by the end of the month or the first of November, and we don't want to get in there and find out that we had an unanticipated expense and not be able to proceed with the project because we've got a very, very short window, November 15th to March 15th, to do this project. So that's why we're asking authorization to expend up to \$100,000 in the event that we need it, and that's the "Cliff Notes" version of our request.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Thank you, Mr. Marconi. Questions of Mr. Marconi from the Committee?

REP. BUCO: I have a question.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Yes, Representative Buco, please.

REP. BUCO: Director Marconi, in your explanation it says -- it says about three-quarters of the way down, it says the dredging costs had increased 585,000. Where's that 585,000 figure? Is that the total or the increase?

MR. MARCONI: That's the total number. That's the total cost was \$585,000.

REP. BUCO: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Thank you. Further questions of Mr. Marconi from the Committee?

** REP. EDGAR: I move to approve.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay.

REP. GRAHAM: Second.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Motion by Representative Edgar. Who made the second, please?

REP. GRAHAM: Graham.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Thank you. A motion by Representative Edgar, a second by Representative Graham to approve Item 20-010. Any further questions or comments? Are we ready for the vote? Again, Representative Edgar, you going to do the roll call?

REP. EDGAR: Yes.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay, good. If you could please call the roll, Representative.

REP. EDGAR: Representative Buco.

REP. BUCO: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Representative Danielson.

REP. DANIELSON: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: I vote yes. Representative Graham.

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: I don't know. I can't hear him.

REP. EDGAR: Representative Graham. You seconded it, so I assume that you're voting --

REP. GRAHAM: Yeah. The answer is yes.

REP. EDGAR: Very good. Thank you. Representative Walz.

REP. WALZ: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Senator Watters.

SEN. WATTERS: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Senator Birdsell.

SEN. BIRDSELL: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Senator Bradley.

(No response.)

REP. EDGAR: No, excuse me. Senator D'Allesandro.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: And Representative Cloutier.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Okay. The vote is 9-0.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Nine zero. Okay. The motion 20 -- to approve Item 20-010 is approved. Thank you.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Let's go on to the next item, Use of Toll Credits, Item 20-014, under the Department of Transportation. Requests approval for, one, the use of 2,500,000

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in Turnpike Toll Credits based on the total amended project cost, which shall not exceed \$5 million in Federal funds to meet funding match requirements for Boston Express Bus Service along the F. E. Everett Turnpike, and I-93 corridors between Manchester and Boston through December 31st, 2023; and two, the use of 120,000 in Turnpike Toll Credits based on the total estimated project design and construction costs of \$787,240 of which Dartmouth Coach has committed to providing up to 70,000 of the non-federal match to meet funding match requirements for the expansion of the New London Park and Ride Lot, subject to the conditions as specified in the request dated September 22nd, 2020.

Okay. And we have people, I think, here from the Department of Transportation to answer questions of the Committee. Are they present?

MR. SHEA: There's several people from the Department. I'm not sure who will speak. I have Shelley Winters, Patrick Herlihy. I'll allow both of them to talk.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Good. Then thank you very much, Mr. Herlihy and Miss Winters for joining us. Any questions of these two officials from DOT? Any questions? All right. Seeing none. If there are no questions on Item 20-014 I will --

** REP. GRAHAM: Move approval.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: -- entertain a motion. Approval, is that Senator D'Allesandro?

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: I think it was Representative Graham, wasn't it?

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Oh, I'm sorry, stand corrected. Representative Graham made the motion. Who second it?

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: I'll second it.

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CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. A motion by Representative Graham, second by Senator D'Allesandro, to approve Item 20- 014. Any further questions or comments? Okay. We ready for the roll call? Again, Representative Edgar, please.

REP. EDGAR: Representative Buco.

REP. BUCO: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Representative Danielson.

REP. DANIELSON: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: I vote yes. Representative Graham.

REP. GRAHAM: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Representative Walz.

REP. WALZ: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Senator Watters.

SEN. WATTERS: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Senator Birdsell.

SEN. BIRDSELL: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Senator D'Allesandro.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: And Representative Cloutier.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Very good. The motion to approve passed 9-0.

*** {MOTION ADOPTED}

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Nine zero. Okay. Item 20-014 is approved.

(5) Miscellaneous:

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Let us move on now. Nothing under Miscellaneous.

(6) Informational:

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Informational. We have several items. So I'm going to start Item 20-005 under Department of Administrative Services. Administrative Services Public Works Design and Construction's Capital Budget and Maintenance Projects Quarterly Report, December 31st, 2000 -- okay, never mind -- but dated December 31st, 2019. Any questions? All right. There are no questions on Item 20-005.

I will move on to Item 20-006 under University of New Hampshire, Chapter 146:3, II, Laws of 2019, progress report, the University System Capital Project funded, in part, by State Capital Budget dollars in the biennium ending June 30th, 2021, and dated September 17th, 2020. Okay. Is there someone from the University System to answer -- brief us and answer questions from the Committee?

MR. SHEA: There is, Representative Cloutier. Cathy Provencher is on the call.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Okay. Welcome, Miss Provencher. So I will -- any questions from the Committee on Item 20-006? Yes, Representative Buco, please.

REP. BUCO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And Chancellor -- Chancellor Provencher, in my first term I was on Public Works and we had the similar situation where there was a question about the deferred -- deferred maintenance. So what I'm

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asking is that will maintenance be maintained on these -- on this building after -- after it's built?

CATHERINE PROVENCHER, Vice-Chancellor, University System of New Hampshire: Good morning, Representative Buco, Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Committee. For the record, my name is Catherine Provencher. I serve as Vice-Chancellor of our State's University System. I'm here in my home in Merrimack, and my husband is upstairs. Hum -- thanks for the question, Representative Buco. There are other representatives from the University on the call this morning if there are detailed questions about the project itself.

Yes, we have a deferred maintenance program. We budget the amount of depreciation, if you will, that's charged every year as part of our overall capital program. And we have a Ten-Year Plan to take care of deferred maintenance. I can tell you that this project alone will address about \$30 million in deferred maintenance.

REP. BUCO: Yes, thank you.

REP. WALZ: Cathy, I have a question. This is Mary Beth. Is the project on time given the COVID issues or are we falling behind?

MS. PROVENCHER: So thanks again for the question, Representative. We had to -- we are moving ahead through December with making sure we have our shell on the building. Actually, I have a meeting this afternoon with representatives from the University to discuss options. We just with the State are monitoring our cash flow very closely because we are incurring tens of millions of dollars to address testing, frankly. We're doing a lot of testing. So we're monitoring cash flow very closely.

The project is on target; but, again, our Board will be discussing in a few weeks actually which option on how to proceed, whether we take a pause for six months and understand

how the Coronavirus is going to impact cash flow and revenues; but to date we're on target. We're just examining our various options. We have every intention of completing this project. It just might be delayed about six months as we evaluate cash flow very closely.

MS. WALZ: Cathy, can you help me understand why when we're giving you capital money cash flow is an issue? I thought this would have been separate money.

MS. PROVENCHER: So part of the capital program this building is about a \$90 million project. And over a six-year period the State is supporting that \$90 million project with \$35 million. So we received \$10 million in the current biennium where we intend to spend 35 million. So with 25 million coming from University System. So, again, just trying to manage through the Pandemic and ensuring that the project continues while we closely monitor our cash flow.

MS. WALZ: Thank you.

MR. SHEA: Excuse me. Senator D'Allesandro, could you take over the meeting? Looks like Representative Cloutier has dropped off the call.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Oh, sure. Sure. Are there any further questions for Vice-Chancellor Provencher? This is an informational item so we don't need to take a vote.

Cathy, just a quickie if I might. This is the Spaulding Life Science Expansion Building that we're discussing?

MS. PROVENCHER: Yes. Yes, Senator, it is.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Okay. And, as you say, the total cost of this project is well beyond our capital appropriation, correct?

MS. PROVENCHER: Yes, significantly more.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Okay. And while the renovations are being complete, obviously, we have activity on campus. But activity on-campus is in a hybrid situation. So the building itself is in a construction mode as we speak; correct?

MS. PROVENCHER: Yes.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Okay. Any further questions on item -- Informational Item CAP 20-006? If not, thank you very much, Catherine. Appreciate it. And we understand things are going well at the University. We're functioning well given the tremendous strain that we're under based on this virus and around the system. Things seem to be going well and I think kudos to everybody involved in putting all of that together.

MS. PROVENCHER: Yes, indeed, Senator. Thank you.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: You're welcome. The next item is CAP 20-007 from Admin Services. It's the Admin Services Public Works Design and Construction Capital Budget and Maintenance Project Quarterly Report dated March 31st, 2020. Any questions on that?

REP. GRAHAM: Senator, I do have a generic question about seven and the next one, eight.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Okay. Great.

REP. GRAHAM: Either from Admin Services or maybe LBA can answer it. I know the Governor put some slow down or moratorium on capital projects going forward as a result of the Pandemic. I was wondering where we stood on that issue going forward with the Capital Budgets that have been approved over the past couple of terms, and whether or not we're going to have a large list of projects that we'll have to re-authorize next February?

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Good question. Who's here from Admin Services?

MR. SHEA: We have Ted Kupper from Admin Services, and he's unmuted.

TED KUPPER, Department of Administrative Services: Thank you. Senator, it's Ted Kupper here. I'm at home and alone with my two dogs which I hope will be quiet during the meeting. And I can answer that question.

There has been a delay in proceeding with Capital Projects, primarily due to the fact that the Governor's Office has put a hold on every project that's coming through the Division of Public Works. At Commissioner Arlinghaus' request, he's our liaison with the Governor's Office, at his request, Michelle Juliano, my Assistant Administrator and I, have put together a prioritized list of projects. And the way that we prioritize them was to determine which projects needed to proceed immediately so as not to cause additional costs or problems for the using agency because the project did not proceed. I believe every single one of those priority projects were approved by the Governor's Office to go ahead and proceed.

Also, the Governor's Office has allowed us to proceed with the design of all the projects, but they ask that when the projects are 100% complete in the design phase and ready to bid that we ask permission to proceed to bidding. We've also got a list for those projects and we've been asking the Governor's Office to release those as well.

There has been a delay in general with our projects, and I would anticipate that there will be some projects that will need to be re-authorized. But considering the Pandemic's effect on -- on the budget and the hold, I think we are doing quite well bringing the projects forward and bidding them. And I'll just mention for the -- for the Committee's benefit, and these are -- some of these are Capital Projects, some of these are maintenance projects that we're doing, but the National Guard has -- has brought forward almost a dozen projects that they'd like to move on. Many of these were 100% federally funded and approved by the Governor's Office.

And, additionally, there were several projects that the National Guard was very much interested in bringing forward that had a shared percentage. You know, 50/50 State and Feds or 75 and 25. And the National Guard has -- has got authorization from the National Guard Bureau to pay for 100% of those projects in order to bring them forward. And -- and those are now on the glide path to Governor and Council approval. I believe many of them will be on the agenda for Governor and Council in today's meeting. So that's been very helpful as far as getting our projects moving forward. If anyone has any other questions, I'd be happy to ask -- answer them.

REP. GRAHAM: If I may have a follow-up, Senator?

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Sure. Further question.

REP. GRAHAM: You've talked about several -- excuse me -- several lists of various projects. Will all of these be reflected in your September 30th Quarterly Report or are we going to need to ask you for a separate report on each of these lists that you've provided to the Governor?

MR. KUPPER: Very good question. Thank you for that. I think probably the easiest way to inform the Committee would be for me to share the spreadsheet. It's a living document that, you know, changes from month to month, as we get approval to move projects forward. But I could certainly share that document through Pam Ellis with the Committee and keep you updated. As we update the list with Commissioner Arlinghaus, we could copy the LBA and they could share that with your Committee if that works for you.

REP. GRAHAM: It would work for me; but I would also be interested if those are on-line any place. 'Cause that might be easier than trying to send it out periodically to this Committee.

MR. KUPPER: They are not because it is a living document. It needs to be updated and simply a spreadsheet that needs to be manually manipulated every time, every time projects move from one category -- from one priority category to another or from a whole position to an approval position, then that is updated and sent over to Commissioner Arlinghaus. And we've been doing that on a monthly basis with him. I'm sorry that we don't have anything better than that.

SEN. WATTERS: May I ask a question, Mr. Chairman?

MR. SHEA: Representative Cloutier, if I could jump in?

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: I'm back. I'm sorry, I -- my Internet connection I faded out. Thank you, Senator D'Allesandro, for taking over.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Sure, you're welcome.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Which item are we now on?

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: We're on the Capital 20-007 and Capital 20-008 and addressing Representative's Graham's question as to a reporting mechanism with regard to these projects, could that be given to us. But they're not on-line. They're a living document and updated on a periodic basis. So the question -- is the answer to the question then if you want -- if you want to know where these projects are, you have to be in touch with Admin Services. Admin Services could report to the LBA and the LBA could get that information out to Members of the Committee. There are a lot of projects here. There's a lot of money involved in these -- in these projects. And they're, as I understand it, at this point they're all being funded 100% by the Federal Government.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Yeah.

MR. SHEA: Representative Cloutier, this is Chris.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Yes, go ahead.

MR. SHEA: Could I just jump in here for a moment?

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Sure.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Yes, Chris, go ahead.

MR. SHEA: If Ted was to do what he suggested, which is send a document to our office, we could post that on our website so that you Members can then access that as well as others who might be interested.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: That makes a lot of sense.

MR. SHEA: And it would be basically a point in time. As Ted has mentioned, the report is only good as the moment it -- could be changes right after that. So if they do something periodically with us, we would continue to post that on our website and I'd send that link to everybody. But if you ever looked at the documents there's a Capital Budget space on our website as well and I would just stick it in there for the '22 Capital Budget.

MR. KUPPER: Okay.

SEN. WATTERS: Another question.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: I'm sorry. Mr. Kupper, you're able to do that, right, periodically?

MR. KUPPER: We are doing that with Commissioner Arlinghaus. He's our liaison, Representative Cloutier, to the Governor's Office, who holds the strings for the approval on these projects, and we'd be happy to do that. As we update Commissioner Arlinghaus, we could send that over to the LBA. They could put it on their website and then you'll have a snapshot at that moment of, you know, what the status of the projects are.

I might add that Senator D'Allesandro had indicated 100% of federal funding. Those are only for the National Guard Projects that they decided to bring forward. And while they brought maybe a dozen of them forward, I think they ultimately got enough money to do eight of them. But you'll see that in the list when I update that and send it over to the LBA.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. All right. Any further questions of Mr. Kupper under Item 20-007?

SEN. WATTERS: Mr. Chairman, can you hear me?

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay.

SEN. WATTERS: Can you hear me, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Yes. Okay. Who is this again?

SEN. WATTERS: Senator Watters.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: I'm sorry. Go ahead, please, Senator Watters.

SEN. WATTERS: Thank you. My understanding with some of the agencies has been that some of the projects that have been put on hold it was done so because it required General Fund match from the Agency's budget. Is that -- are those kinds of withholdings indicated separately in terms of the various projects that are being delayed?

MR. KUPPER: Yes, Senator. This is Ted Kupper again for everyone. Yes. And you'll see that on the list. Those are projects that are on hold, and an example of that is DOT. They are carefully watching their budget, and they've asked that even though we might have approval from the Governor's Office that they might ask that the project be held until they're sure that their budget can support that. And that would be indicated on the spreadsheet. It would be a hold category and when you look

over in the remarks or the notations column you would see it would be on hold by request of the agency.

SEN. WATTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Thank you. Any further questions under Item 20-007?

Seeing none, we'll move on to Item 20-008, still under Department of Administrative Services. This is the Public Works Design and Construction's Capital Budget and Maintenance Projects Quarterly Report dated June 30th, 2020. Any questions under this item, please, from the Committee? No questions. All right. We'll move on then, please.

Next Item 20-009, Department of Transportation. This is under Chapter 345, Laws of 2019, Resolution 04-96-96-964010-20210000-072 Footnote, Annual Report for the period ending June 30th 2020, on the status of all federal local airport projects and an outline of additional federal funds the State received directly for airports for Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act under -- better known as CARES funding to offset a decline in revenues arising from diminished airport operations and activities as a result of the Covid-19 Public Health emergency. Are there any questions for DOT officials who are present today for this item, please? Are there any questions?

Okay. Seeing none, I will move on to Item 20-011 under the Pease Development Authority, Division of Ports and Harbors, follow-up report regarding the authorization to expend \$131,075 and this was from Item 20-002, approved on January 13th, 2020, from the Harbor Dredging and Pier Maintenance Fund for sediment sampling in the State anchorage site in preparation of the Rye Harbor Dredge Project dated September 17, 2020. Are there any questions from the Committee for this item, please? Are there any questions?

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All right. Seeing none, I will move on to the next item, please, Item 20-012, Pease Development Authority, Division of Ports and Harbors, report of expenditures from the Harbor Dredging and Pier Maintenance Fund dated September 17th, 2020. Are there any questions from the Committee on this item, please? Are there any questions?

All right. Seeing none. Next, I will go to Item 20- 013, Department of Transportation, Chapter 146, Laws of 2019 Biennial Report of Appropriated Funds and Matching Private Funds for the Coos County Rail Improvement -- Improvements and Strafford County and Carroll County Rail Improvements and an update on the use of appropriations for repairs to State-owned active railroad lines and bridges for the period ending September 11, 2020.

Okay. I believe I have some people from Department of Transportation, but I also have some -- Mr. Worsowicz and Mr. Campbell are here as well to answer questions, I believe. Are there any questions? Can everybody hear me?

REP. EDGAR: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. I'm sorry. Any questions of anybody present, DOT or Mr. Campbell or Mr. Worsowicz?

SEN. WATTERS: Just if I may, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Sure. Go ahead, please, Senator Watters.

SEN. WATTERS: A comment that I happen to be up along this railroad line on Saturday and was wondering about the projects and it's great to have the report that things are coming in on budget and the work is progressing well. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Thank you, Senator. I don't know, did anyone from -- any other questions from the Committee for the DOT officials present, as well as Mr. Worsowicz and Mr. Campbell? Any questions? Okay. Again, Item 20-013.

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I will move on. We have additional information, number one under Item 20-013. This is a late informational item as submitted by the representatives of Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company. Any questions from the Committee on this item, please? Are there any questions? I guess specifically to Mr. Campbell and Mr. Worsowicz, please. Any questions? All right.

Seeing none, I will finally under -- again under Capital Item 20-013, additional information item two, late informational item as submitted by the representatives from the New Hampshire Northcoast Railroad. Are there any questions for this item from the Committee? Any questions?

Okay. I do want to say I appreciate on behalf of the Committee, I know I received a letter from the New Hampshire Northcoast Railroad from Dean Boylan and Jeanne- Marie Boylan. I appreciate them personally giving me a letter and all the updated information that I've received and, hopefully, everybody on the Committee has received that as well, information, and I appreciate Mr. Campbell and Mr. Worsowicz getting the Committee this information. So unless anybody, Members of the Committee have a question or a comment, I don't know, I guess that we are done.

MR. SHEA: Representative Cloutier.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Yeah, go ahead, please.

MR. SHEA: This is Chris from the LBA. Are you going to technically schedule a meeting in November for this Committee?

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Thank you. I don't know. I know -- yeah, we talked about this yesterday. I mean, I know probably the Long Range which is coming up next we probably need to schedule a meeting for then, and I was thinking as far as at least Long Range of doing it because we've got to get a report. And I was thinking of having, if necessary, a meeting of Capital Budget Overview if there were any items that needed attention,

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and I was thinking of doing it -- I know, Chris, you proposed November 30th, which is a Monday, but that is the Monday after Thanksgiving and it's fine with me, but I don't know how other Members of the Committee feel. You might be coming back from holiday. So I don't know how everybody feels if we scheduled maybe a tentative meeting in case any items that needed attention before the end of the term came up.

SEN. WATTERS: Mr. Chairman, if I may?

REP. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, John Graham here.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Yes, go ahead, please.

REP. GRAHAM: I do think we need to have one sometime late November. You can pick the date. Because as everybody on this Committee knows, we will probably not meet again until February, because it just takes that long for us to get organized, whoever the Speaker and President happen to be to appoint members and the rest. So anything that we can get done in November to keep the agencies moving forward for both committees is something that we should do.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. All right. Your point is well-taken, Representative Graham. And you and I have served on these committees for some time. And I know from my experience we may not meet again and those of us who come back and maybe some new members at least until probably late January, early February, because we'll have to get organized. So, again, I think a meeting in late November is very important. And I don't know, does anybody have any objection to meeting Monday, maybe November 30th, maybe at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. That's to give people coming back from Thanksgiving a chance to recover. I don't know, instead of an early morning meeting. I don't know. That's my suggestion.

SEN. WATTERS: Mr. Chairman, I think we should meet and I wondered also, too, whether we could have a similar report at that meeting as we had today what projects are on hold and,

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also, possibly some more indication at that point in time what the Governor's Capital Budget proposal from the Agencies looks like, if there's some update on that.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay, Senator. Sounds like we -- the consent -- I mean, so far I don't have any objections. We should have a meeting in late November; but is November 30th, okay?

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: I think we should go with November 30th.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. It is a Monday after -- the day after Thanksgiving, but we'll tentatively schedule it for Monday. Of course, I'll talk to Long Range, but is probably an afternoon meeting okay?

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Yeah. You said the 1:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: 1:00 p.m., yeah.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Yeah, 1:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Capital Budget and maybe do Long Range 2, 2:30, something like that. That would give people a chance to rest up if they got a long Thanksgiving weekend. Because, you know -- you know, I don't think an early morning meeting could be too conducive at this point.

All right. I'll tentatively schedule the next Capital Budget Overview meeting, unless some emergency item comes up, for Monday, November 30th, at 1:00 p.m. Okay. All right. So is there anything else that anybody has to bring up under item seven? If there isn't, and first of all, again, I want to thank everybody for their cooperation and everybody helping out. So I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

** SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: So moved.

SEN. BIRDSELL: Second.

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CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Motion by Senator D'Allesandro. A second?

SEN. BIRDSELL: Second.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Second by Senator Birdsell to adjourn. Okay. Let us take a roll call, please, vote on that, Representative Edgar.

REP. EDGAR: Very good. Representative Buco.

REP. BUCO: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Representative Danielson.

REP. DANIELSON: (No response.)

REP. EDGAR: Representative Danielson.

REP. WALZ: He's muted.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Unmute David.

REP. DANIELSON: Thank you. Yes. Thank you very much and thank you, Representative Edgar, for stepping in for me today.

REP. EDGAR: Oh, you're very welcome. I vote yes. Representative Graham.

REP. GRAHAM: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Representative Walz.

REP. WALZ: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Representative -- excuse me -- Senator Watters.

SEN. WATTERS: Yes.

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REP. EDGAR: Senator Birdsell.

SEN. BIRDSELL: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Senator D'Allesandro.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: Representative Cloutier.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Yes.

REP. EDGAR: That's a vote of 9-0. Motion passes.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Motion passes and this meeting is adjourned. Again, thank you very much everybody. And for those of you on Long Range, we will start at 10:30. Thank you, and, again, thank you very much to Christopher Shea and Pam Ellis at the LBA for arranging this meeting. Okay. Good-bye, everybody.

(The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.)

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