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Kathy Frenette, Town Administrator
Town of Warner
PO Box 265
Warner, NH 03278-0265

RE: NHDOT Bridge Funding Opportunity – Cost Escalation Update
Warner Bridge # 189/099
North Village Road over Silver Brook
NHDOT Project #44320

Dear Ms. Frenette,

In February 2023, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) sent a bridge funding opportunity letter to Warner. Based on your municipality's "yes" response, a project for bridge rehabilitation or replacement was enrolled in the current 2025 thru 2034 Ten Year Plan. As previously stated, our bridge aid programs are funded with 80% State and/or 80% Federal funds with the municipality responsible for the 20% local match. Our bridge aid programs are a "reimbursement" type grant in which the municipality pays 100% of preapproved project costs initially and is subsequently reimbursed NHDOT's 80% share of eligible costs incurred.

Based on a preliminary cost estimate in 2023, NHDOT estimated the cost to rehabilitate or replace the above noted bridge as approximately **\$1,204,800.00**. Over the past two years, NHDOT has tracked project cost increases across all State projects, the most significant of which were noted on bridge construction projects. Based on project bid data over the past two years, NHDOT believes it is prudent to increase the preliminary cost estimate for your newly enrolled bridge aid project to account for escalation. The updated preliminary cost estimate for your bridge aid project is now **\$1,778,000.00 in current day dollars**. The municipality's 20% share for this updated cost is now estimated to be approximately **\$355,600.00 in current day dollars**. We recommend budgeting an additional 3% to 5% per year to this updated cost estimate to account for future inflation.

We note that NHDOT is still committed to funding this project. We are sending this letter to inform you of the updated cost estimate, and also request confirmation that Warner is still interested in participating in the project.

Please check the appropriate response below and return a copy to me via my email noted below by April 15, 2025.

_____ Yes, Warner is still interested in participating in the above noted bridge project, or

_____ No, Warner is no longer interesting in participating in this project.

_____ Municipality Contact Name (print name)

_____ Municipality Contact Email (print email)

Please note that checking "Yes" does not legally bind Warner to enrolling in our bridge aid program. We are simply looking for continued confirmation that your municipality is interested in pursuing a bridge aid project with NHDOT and that your municipality would work towards obtaining your local 20% match.

Thank you for your attention to this request and please call or email me with any questions. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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