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From: Watson, Bill <Bill.Watson@dot.nh.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 8:06 AM
To: Juliet T.H. Walker; Hudson, Robert
Cc: Willeke, Charles
Subject: RE: Portsmouth #2857 SRTS project - request for modifications

Good Morning Juliet –

The Council could expect to have to pay back the costs invested in the improvements made.

Regards,
Bill

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Subject: RE: Portsmouth #2857 SRTS project - request for modifications

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Bob,

Thank you. Are you able to provide any guidance on the implications for the previously awarded federal funds for this project should the Council request a change to the design as constructed?

Best,

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Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 5:00 PM

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Subject: RE: Portsmouth #2857 SRTS project - request for modifications

Hi Juliet

Today we discussed your request from City Council to substantially change the design of the Portsmouth #28757 SRTS project that was completed in 2018. We understand that the request is move the parking lane against the curb and the bike lane next to the travel lane. In reviewing the attached plans that you provided, it appears that this would affect sheets 27 to 30. We understand that the reason for the change is based on input City Council has received from constituents related to inconvenience, confusion, and perceptions about safety for motor vehicle travelers.

We do not recommend that the City make this change. We are concerned from a safety standpoint. We had another municipality that constructed a design similar to the design you are proposing. There was a fatality when a car door was opened in front of a bicycle traveling in the bike lane.

I hope this answers your question. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information on this matter

Thanks

Bob

From: Juliet T.H. Walker <jthwalker@cityofportsmouth.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:55 AM

To: Hudson, Robert <Robert.Hudson@dot.nh.gov>

Subject: Question on Modification to Complete SRTS project

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Hello Bob,

I have been asked by our City Council to confirm whether modifications to substantially change the design of a project that was completed with Federal Safe Routes to School funds and accepted by a prior Council would require that the City forfeit (ie return) those previously awarded Federal funds. This is a question I have previously answered for them in the affirmative after discussing with John Corrigan, but they are asking for confirmation again. Can you answer this for me and/or direct me to someone else either at FHWA or NHDOT that can confirm this for me or perhaps direct me to any federal guidance on this question?

Thanks,

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