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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Mitzi Johnson
From: Pat Brennan
Date: January 8, 2016
Subject: FY16 Budget Adjustment

The House Transportation Committee has reviewed and approved as noted the following provisions of the Governor's proposed FY16 budget adjustment bill:

Appropriation sections:

- Sec. 41 amending Sec. B.903 Program Development - **Approve**
- *Sec 41a amending Sec. B.905 Maintenance - **Approve**
- Sec. 42 amending Sec. B.906 Policy and Planning - **Approve**
- *Sec. 42a amending Sec. B.909 Central Garage - **Approve**
- Sec. 44 amending Sec. B.918 Town highway - State aid for federal disasters - **Approve**
- Sec. 45 amending Sec. B.922 Totals - **Approve**

Language Sections:

- Sec. 48(a)(4) Fund Transfers (Recreational Trail Fund) - **Approve**
- Sec. 69 Recreational Trail Fund - **Approve**
- Sec. 70 Supplemental Rail Spending - **Approve as amended in the attached**

**Note that Secs. 41a and 42a were not in the original Governor's recommend but were added by the Agency of Transportation in response to inquiries from HAC (additional savings from lower fuel prices)*


Pat Brennan

FY16 Gov Rec BAA – Language / Transportation Sections

Sec. 69. 10 V.S.A. § 446 is amended to read:

~~A recreational trails fund~~ Recreational Trails Fund is established which shall be subject to the provisions of subchapter 5 of chapter 7 of Title 32. There shall be an annual transfer from the ~~transportation fund~~ Transportation Fund to the ~~recreational trails fund~~ Recreational Trails Fund in the amount of \$370,000. ~~of an amount equivalent to a reasonable estimation of the revenues from taxes on nonhighway recreational fuel. This amount shall be three-fourths of one percent of the total state gas tax, not to exceed \$370,000.~~

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House Transportation Committee: Approve

Sec. 70. SUPPLEMENTAL RAIL SPENDING

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706 and the limits on program, project, or activity spending authority approved in the Fiscal Year 2016 Transportation Program, the Secretary of Transportation, with the approval of the Secretary of Administration and subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, may transfer up to \$3,000,000 in Transportation Fund or Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund appropriations, other than appropriations for the Town Highway State Aid, Structures, and Class 2 Roadway programs, to the Transportation – Rail appropriation, for the specific purpose of addressing the increased cost of Amtrak service, emergency projects and projects needing immediate attention during Fiscal Year 2016. Any monies transferred from the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund may only be expended in accordance with the limitations set forth in 19 V.S.A. § 11f(d).

(b)(1) If a contemplated transfer of an appropriation would not delay the planned work schedule of a project, the Secretary of Transportation may execute the transfer and shall give prompt notice thereof to the Joint Fiscal Office and to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation when the General Assembly is in session and, when the General Assembly is not in session, to the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee.

(2) If a contemplated transfer of an appropriation would, by itself, delay the planned work schedule of a project, the Secretary:

(A) when the General Assembly is in session, may execute the transfer, but shall give the House and Senate Committees on Transportation advance notice of at least 10 business days prior to executing the transfer; or

(B) when the General Assembly is not in session, shall obtain the prior approval of the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee before it may execute the transfer.

(c) This section shall be repealed on July 1, 2016.

House Transportation Committee: Approve with the additional sentence highlighted in red.