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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Bureau of Finance and Contracts
January 10, 2013

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

- 1.) In accordance with Governor and Council approval of July 19, 1995, Item #171, the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Finance and Contracts, requests authorization to pay Small Claims in the previous second quarter of FY 2013 totaling \$1020.50 for individual amounts less than \$600.00 submitted under the provisions of RSA 228:29.
2.) The Department further requests approval of Governor and Council to pay small claims for the next Fiscal Year quarter, January 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013. 100% Highway Funds.

Table with 4 columns: Funding is available as follows, Appropriation FY2013, Paid to date, Balance Remaining. Row 1: 04-96-96-960215-3001, Division of Finance, 068-500563 Remuneration, \$4000.00, \$1,943.70, \$2,056.30

EXPLANATION

RSA 228:29, authorizes the Commissioner to use funds accruing to the Department of Transportation for the payment of small claims occasioned by accidents due to the activities of the Department of Transportation. Any person claiming damage due to the activities of the Department of Transportation may seek payment of the small claim if the amount is less than \$600.00. If, upon investigation, the small claim is valid, the Commissioner shall submit the recommendation for payment to the Governor and Council for approval.

To improve efficiency in processing these small claims, and to be more responsive to those claimants awaiting payment for a small claim, the Department of Transportation initiated a blanket approval process at the beginning of Fiscal Year 1996. The revised process was approved by Governor and Council on July 19, 1995 as Item #171. The process requires the Department of Transportation to seek approval from the Governor and Council prior to each Fiscal Year quarter and submit the claims paid in the previous quarter.

A review of claims approved for payment during the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2013, to date, indicates that four claims were paid.

Claimant: Elaine Jamieson Amount: \$222.00

Ms. Jamieson's vehicle was damaged on NH Route 11 in Hollis, New Hampshire on Thursday, September 27, 2012 when she passed through the freshly painted white edge line. The Department's pavement marking crew was applying paint and placed signs inadequately to properly warn motorists of the wet paint operation.

Claimant: Elizabeth Lindstrom Amount: \$98.00

Ms. Lindstrom's vehicle was damaged on NH Route 136 in Peterborough, New Hampshire on September 18, 2012 when she passed through the freshly painted white edge line. The Department's pavement marking crew was applying paint and encountered rain during the operation.

Claimant: Richard Farrell Amount: \$218.55

Mr. Farrell's vehicle was damaged on the morning of July 26, 2012 while traveling south on Interstate 93 near exit 23 in New Hampton, New Hampshire. Mr. Farrell approached a state crew that was mowing the area near the off ramp to the exit. During the mowing operation, rocks were projected out from beneath the mower and Mr. Farrell sustained several cracks in the windshield.

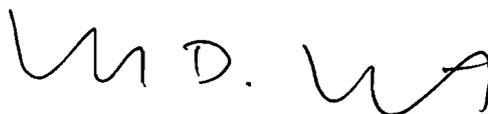
Claimant: Nancy Haas Amount: \$481.95

Ms. Haas's vehicle was damaged on August 30, 2012 while traveling west on NH Route 124 in Jaffrey, New Hampshire. Ms. Haas approached a state crew that had a mowing operation heading towards New Ipswich. The crew was mowing the scenic low lying area at a bridge. During the mowing operation, debris projected from beneath the mower and Ms. Haas sustained a large chip in the paint of her vehicle on the rear driver side door.

A summary of the action taken on all claims for Fiscal Year 2013 is on file at the Department of Transportation.

Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Christopher D. Clement, Sr.
Commissioner