



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Bureau of Rail and Transit  
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COMMISSIONER

Her Excellency, Jeanne Shaheen, Governor  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Purchase of Abandoned Railroad Corridor, Haverhill STP-TE-X-000S (163) Project No. 12138

REQUESTED RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that the Governor and Council authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Boston & Maine Corporation, (Vendor #98216) to purchase certain rights, title and interest of a portion of the abandoned Blackmount railroad line in Haverhill. The total purchase price is \$207,154.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department be authorized to encumber the sum of two hundred seven thousand one hundred fifty-four and 00/100 dollars (\$207,154.00) against the Department's Consolidated Federal Aid Account 015-096-3054-090-0308, Project Haverhill 12138.

EXPLANATION

This right of way purchase is part of a Transportation Enhancement project submitted by the town of Haverhill and approved by the Transportation Enhancement selection committee, for an alternative transportation corridor comprising the portions of the former Blackmount Branch within the town of Haverhill owned by the Boston & Maine Corporation. The corridor will provide a connection between the villages of Haverhill, especially North Haverhill and Woodsville.

The state and the Boston and Maine Corporation have agreed on a purchase price of \$207,154.00 for fee simple ownership of this parcel. The appraised value of the property is in excess of this amount. The Federal share of the project is 80% or \$165,723; the town of Haverhill will reimburse the Department for the 20% non-Federal share of the project. The Department of Transportation has certified that the funds to be encumbered for this purchase are available.

Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon S. Kenison  
Commissioner

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Approved  
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