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Ross Sneyd
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RE: Plainfield NH 028-3(41)
Response to Letter Dated December 10, 2018

Dear Mr. Sneyd:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter addressed to Secretary Joe Flynn, dated December 10, 2018. To begin with your concerns about the pavement condition, we wanted to inform you that we do have a paving project programmed (Plainfield-Danville NH PS (19)1) for the area. This project will extend along US Route 2 from VT Route 214 to VT Route 15 in Danville and is currently expected to begin construction in 2022.

We appreciate the Town's involvement during our meeting on November 13, 2018 to discuss the intersection of US Route 2 and Main Street. During the meeting we provided a summary of many alternatives along with the benefits, constraints, and concerns related to all of them. We understand your position as it relates to the two alternatives you discussed in your letter, and that Alternative 2B is your preference. We are currently evaluating the feedback from the meeting and working with the design consultant, Stantec, to evaluate additional construction methods and traffic impacts related to Alternative 2B. This additional effort will allow us to see how we can minimize impacts to travel, natural and cultural resources, and other constraints in the area which will let us further evaluate and compare the design alternatives. As you indicated, it is our responsibility to prioritize our resources to improve mobility and safety throughout the state, so we will do our best to address this intersection based on our findings. We expect to have more information related to next steps in the coming months and will keep you informed of our progress. We will set up another meeting with you to review the information and discuss a public meeting to present the direction forward.

Sincerely,



Wayne B. Symonds
Chief Engineer

cc: Gov. Phil Scott
Sen. Ann Cummings
Sen. Anthony Pollina
Sen.-elect Andrew Perchlik
Rep. Janet Ancel
Bram Towbin, Plainfield Road Commissioner
David Strong, Plainfield Advisory Committee
Dan Currier, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission
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