



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

December 12, 2022

Scott Robertson

Vermont Agency of Transportation

Barre City Place, 219 North Main St. Barre, VT 05641

RE: Letter of Support for Castleton Staso Rd. Salt/Sand Shed

Dear Mr. Robertson,

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is pleased to offer its support for the Town of Castleton's VTrans Transportation Alternatives Program Grant application for the construction of a new municipal highway sand and salt shed.

The proposed sand and salt shed will replace the current dilapidated and undersized salt shed and provide adequate storage for the Town Highway Department sand and salt. Currently, the Town does not have adequate salt storage and the sand pile is uncovered. Keeping a full year supply of both salt and sand under cover will eliminate runoff from salt spillage and the salted sand pile which impacts water quality. The existing pile is also located near the Pond Hill Brook floodplain, which is the ultimate discharge point for surface water and runoff in the area.

The new sand and salt shed will mitigate runoff by preventing water intrusion into the pile, eliminate spills from exterior truck loading, and eliminate salt leaching into the ground and nearby drainage swales. The proposed project furthers goals of Act 64, Vermont's Clean Water Law; and is in conformance with the Rutland Regional Plan, adopted June 16, 2018. Specifically, goals and action items in the Transportation, Water Quality, Public Facilities and Emergency Management sections will be achieved.

The RRPC fully supports the Town and strongly encourages VTrans to fund the Castleton Staso Rd. Sand/Salt Shed project. Thank you for the consideration and supporting our community partners.

Thank You,

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