

## TOWN OF STRAFFORD

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Scott Robertson Municipal Assistance Section Vermont Agency of Transportation 219 North Main Street Barre, Vermont 05641

Re: Strafford Selectboard Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Robertson,

On behalf of the Selectboard of the Town of Strafford, I am providing this letter of support for an application submitted on behalf of the Town of Strafford for a grant under the Transportation Alternatives program to support re-creation of an historic truss bridge at the site of Bridge 30 in Strafford using steel trusses from a discontinued steel truss bridge in Ludlow, Vermont.

The Selectboard has adopted a resolution supporting the concept of the Bridge 30 truss project, provided the project can be achieved at a reasonable cost to the community and its taxpayers. A grant supporting this project under the Transportation Alternatives program would provide a major boost to this project. The Town has not yet precisely defined the source of the rest of the funds that will be needed to complete this project, but anticipates that the necessary funds will come from a variety of sources including, but not necessarily limited to, the Northern Border Regional Commission, the VTrans Structures grant program, a historic preservation grant from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, a grant from Preservation Trust of Vermont, Town of Stafford public funds, and grants and gifts from other private organizations and individuals.

The Select board has educated itself about the long-term maintenance requirements for the planned truss project and commits to conduct future maintenance of the trusses and the bridge itself as needed in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Toni Pippy

Chair, Strafford Selectboard