Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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Ross Gouin
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Dear Ross,

I am writing in support of the Town of Monktons's application for a stormwater mitigation grant through VTrans. The project is located on Tyler Bridge Road adjacent and involves replacement of an undersized culvert on Pond Brook approximately 1,600 feet north of the intersection with States Prison Hollow Road. The Town has undertaken a preliminary engineering survey with Otter Creek Engineering to identify a preferred option and generate cost estimates for the project.

The existing culvert does not meet current VTrans Hydraulic Manual requirements for flow capacity, and does not comply with State Stream Alteration Standards for aquatic organism passage. The bank full width as determined by VT DEC for this portion of Pond Brook is 24 feet while the existing squashed corrugated metal pipe is only 174 inches in width. A replacement structure is needed to comply with VTrans and Agency of Natural Resource standards. A wider structure will increase the town's resilience in the event of major storms in the watershed.

Tyler Bridge Road is important to Monkton. The road segment has an AADT of approximately 746 vehicles and serves as a travel route between Monkton Village and VT116. The road segment was assessed as High priority in the VTrans Transportation Resilience Planning Tool scoring a 7/10 on the Criticality criterion.

ACRPC fully supports Monkton's proactive efforts to address this problem. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter or if I may offer you any further assistance. I can be reached at mwinslow@acrpc.org.

Sincerely,

Mike Winslow
Transportation Planner

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