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Project Name: BRATTLEBORO BF 2000(28): Preliminary Plans

Structure Identification: BRIDGE NO. 54 SPANNING WHETSTONE BROOK ON VT9

Dear John,

VTrans has completed work on the Preliminary Plans for the above-referenced project and has uploaded plans to the project external website located at the link provided for your review and comment.

<https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/VTRANS/external/Projects/Structures/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2fagency%2fvtrans%2fexternal%2fProjects%2fStructures%2f12j608&FolderCTID=0x012000C8A550B2DAB4A440A6A7BEB360DCA4D1>

We would appreciate any comments the Town may have by (*March 13, 2024*). The next step in our process is to acquire rights from adjacent property as shown in the plans.

This bridge is within the town's maintenance responsibility, therefore, the funding for this project will be from federal, state, and local sources. The funding split for this project is 80% Federal, 10% State and 10% Town. The current construction cost estimate is **\$14,559,398.66**, including construction engineering and contingencies. Our current preliminary engineering and right-of-way cost estimates total **\$1,050,000.00** of which we have spent **\$527,295.51** for an overall project total cost estimate of **\$15,609,398.66**.

Construction is currently planned for (*September 2026 through November 2027*). However, that date could change depending on either funding constraints or the right-of-way acquisition process.

If you have questions, please contact me at the above address or at (802) 917-8514. At the Town Manager's request, VTrans and our Design Consultant Green International will prepare a presentation of Preliminary Plans for the selectboard.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Laroche, P.E.
Structures Project Manager

Cc: Colin Bratton, Windham Regional Transportation Planning Program Coordinator
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