FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF REVISION

FOR

CHESTER TOWN HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROJECT BO 1442(39) – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

TOWN OF CHESTER, WINDSOR COUNTY, VERMONT

AUGUST 14, 2024

Environmental Assessment Text to be Revised:

Section 3.6.1 Floodplains and Floodways Regulatory Context

The third paragraph of this section shall be revised as follows:

> For those projects that are exempt from municipal review, these regulations are enforced in Vermont through the Vermont Flood Hazard Area and River Corridor Permit, as applicable. ~~In this case, the project would be subjected to local review. Article 4.11 of the Town of Chester Unified Development Bylaws, effective October 26, 2022, details the flood damage prevention review procedures, which includes coordination with the State NFIP Coordinator at the DEC. Article 6 of the same bylaws outlines the flood damage prevention standards.~~

Reason for Revision:

Following development of the Environmental Assessment for the Chester BO 1442(39) Project, it was identified that the Regulatory Context discussion in Floodplains and Floodways Section (Section 3.6.1) contained language that was incorrect. The text in this section identified that that the project would be subject to municipal review for regulation of the floodways and floodplain, which is not the case. The Chester BO 1442(39) Project is being administered by the Vermont Agency of Transportation and is therefore exempt from municipal review. The floodways and floodplains regulations for this project are enforced through the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Flood Hazard Area and River Corridor (FHARC) Permit.

Although the text in this section of the Environmental Assessment incorrectly stated that the project was subject to municipal review, the project team has coordinated with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Floodplains program, has submitted an application for a Vermont FHARC Permit, and has received authorization through issuance of a Vermont FHARC Permit for the Project.