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Thomas Unkles, Chair
c/o Danielle Robinson, Administrative Assistant
Town of Bradford
P.O. Box 339
Bradford, VT 05033

RE: **Bradford BF 0191(29) VT Route 25B, Bridge 1 over the Waits River**

Dear Mr. Unkles:

On August 29, 2014, Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) staff reviewed the transcript of the August 6, 2014, 19 V.S.A. § 502 public hearing, and subsequent written comments concerning this project. The following is a summary of the comments or suggestions that warrant further discussion and/or a response from the Agency.

Those in attendance at the public hearing were: VTrans staff, Rita Seto from Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission, and several members of the public (attendance sheet attached). Written comments received within 10 days of the hearing are included as an official part of the hearing transcript. VTrans received one written comment within the time period stated and that document is also attached.

The written comment received was from Lawrence Coffin, a resident of Bradford. Mr. Coffin stated that during the proposed bridge closure, the traffic would likely increase on Creamery Road and wanted to make sure we did not designate this route as an official detour route. VTrans acknowledges that this local road may be used by local residents to circumvent the bridge closure but we have no intention to sign or otherwise suggest that this is an official detour route. Our term for this route is a "local bypass route" and is different than our official "detour route", which is comprised of State highways.

Mr. Coffin also wanted to make sure that Vermont Route 25B, in the vicinity of the proposed project, be painted with a centerline at the completion of the project. VTrans does intend to provide a roadway centerline and edge lines in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

One comment made at the meeting, which we feel is noteworthy, was from Rick Parkin, President of Bradford Veneer & Panel Company. Mr. Parkin expressed concerns that delivery trucks would have difficulty accessing his business during the bridge closure. These trucks would be required to travel a different route during the bridge closure and when traveling north on Mill Street would have trouble making the left turn to travel south onto Vermont Route 25B.





We discussed this issue during the informal session and Mr. Parkin stated that these trucks could travel north on Vermont Route 25B and turn around at the Bradford school just a short distance to the north. We believe this is a reasonable solution to this issue and encourage the town of Bradford to request that the bridge closure be planned during the summer school vacation to help with this situation.

Although there were a few other minor comments made at the hearing, none warranted a change to the proposed project or require a response. Based on our review of the transcripts, VTrans believes that the proposed project should advance based on the information presented at this hearing. When we have completed Preliminary Plans, which contain most of the design details that would be of interest to adjacent property owners, a set will be distributed for your review and comment.

We would also like to make you aware that important project documentation, including a copy of this letter and the presentation made at this hearing, is available on the internet at the following link:

<https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/vtrans/external/Projects/Structures/13C054>

We would like to thank everyone who commented on this project and/or attended this hearing. Public participation is a very important aspect in the development of our transportation improvement projects and we appreciate the comments and suggestions we receive. Should you or anyone else have any questions or comments regarding this project, please contact Scoping Project Manager Christopher Williams at Chris.Williams@state.vt.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard M. Tetreault". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Richard M. Tetreault, P.E.
Chief Engineer VTrans Highways Division

cc: Rita Seto - Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission
Jackie Cassino - VAOT Planning Coordinator
Dale Perron, DTA, District 7
Chris Williams - Scoping Project Manager
Carolyn Carlson - Design Project Manager
Trey Polk - ROW Agent
Lawrence Coffin - Resident of Bradford
Rick Parkin - Bradford Veneer & Panel Company
Wayne Symonds - Structures Program Manager

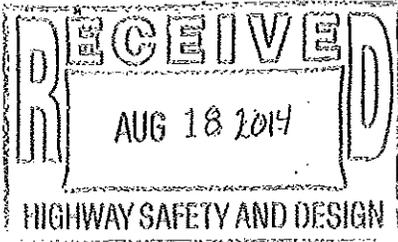


502 PUBLIC HEARING - ATTENDANCE SHEET

Project: Bradford BF 0191(29)	Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 6, 2014
Description: VT Route 25B, Bridge 1 over the Waits River	Location: Bradford Academy Auditorium 172 North Main St. Bradford, VT 05033

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PUBLIC HEARING

Bradford BF 0191(29)

August 6, 2014

WRITTEN COMMENTS

We would appreciate your input and suggestions.

Please return this sheet, with comments, to a staff member at this hearing, or by mail to the address on the back of this sheet. In order to be included as an official part of the hearing transcript, the final postmark date for written statements and other information will be 10 calendar days from the hearing date.

COMMENTS:

Subject: Creamery Road

Ted and Danielle, I will probably not be able to make the hearing on the construction project at Baldwin bridge tomorrow night, but want to express to concerns to someone. Assuming the traffic on Creamery Road will increase significantly during the closing of the Bridge (1) That the road not be designated as a "detour" with signs. That would introduce a number of motorists unfamiliar with the road to the one-way bridge etc. (2) That, when the current repaving project is finished, the road be marked with a center line. I have asked for this for several years as motorists take the curve in the center of the road. Thanks, Larry Coffin

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

NAME Lawrence Coffin

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Property owner adjacent to project

Organization Representative
(Org. and Title)

Other: