

**ANDOVER SELECT BOARD  
953 WESTON - ANDOVER ROAD  
ANDOVER, VERMONT 05143**

April 13, 2017

Governor Phil Scott  
109 State Street, Pavilion  
Montpelier, VT 05609

RE: Vermont Route 11

Dear Governor Scott,

Thank you for responding to our letter of March 13 regarding the condition of Route 11. Unfortunately, we must voice our concern and disappointment regarding your response as follows:

1. There is a significant risk of injury or death to the public traveling this highway on a daily basis
2. Local VTrans officials agree that routine maintenance will not preserve the safety of the pavement surface. There are sections varying from 100 feet to 1,000 feet that cannot be patched or temporarily repaired. Additionally, winter clearance of snow cannot be adequately done due to the extremely uneven surface. Therefore, additional salt must be applied, causing more damage to the road surface and increasing the salt runoff into the nearby Williams River.
3. Local VTrans officials agree that the paving project cannot be put off for another two years, which will be over five years longer than originally planned.
4. We believe it would be constructive if you were to observe this road personally. We would welcome your visit. As they say, seeing is believing! After viewing the condition of the road, we believe you would agree that VTrans needs to adjust priorities so that Route 11 can be permanently repaved this year, so that the public will no longer be put at risk of injury or death.

Respectfully,

Harold Johnson, Chair  
Andover Select Board

cc: Kevin Marshia, VTrans Chief Engineer  
Tom Bock, Representative, Windsor 3-1  
Oliver Olsen, Representative, Windham-Bennington-Windsor  
Shawn Cunningham, *Chester Telegraph*