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Governor



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April 2, 2017

Andover Select Board
953 Weston-Andover Road
Andover, VT 05143

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you to you and the members of the Andover Selectboard for taking the time to write and express your concerns with the condition of Route 11 between Londonderry and Chester. I have received an update on this section of road from the management team at VTrans.

VTrans is indeed very aware of the condition of this highway. They have confirmed they have also heard from town officials, motorists and their maintenance staff as it relates to the condition of this highway. I can assure you that your community concerns have been received and we are committed to meeting those needs as best we can with the funds that are available for paving projects. Unfortunately, nearly 14% of the highway network in Vermont has a rating of "very poor". Sections of Route 11 in this area are certainly in this category as are approximately 350 miles of state highway throughout Vermont.

The Transportation Capital Program for FY18 includes a substantial, 14 mile pavement rehabilitation project for Route 11 which is scheduled for the summer of 2019. I've been told the schedule for this project has changed in recent years due to budget constraints, I want to apologize because I can imagine how frustrating that must be. I have asked VTrans to ensure there is an open line of communication with the communities and the region as to future expectations along this corridor.

As there are other sections of road in need of attention in your region, I wanted to make you aware of those. These projects are scheduled for construction within the next five years. The following is a list of those projects, which totals to nearly \$75 million in paving investments.

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| Project Name | Project Number | Route | Estimated Cost |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------|
| Chester-Springfield | STP 2942() | VT10 | \$3.5 Million |
| Chester-Springfield | STP PS19(4) | VT11 | \$3.5 Million |
| Londonderry-Chester | STP PS(19(10) | VT11 | \$11.6 Million |
| Jamaica-Winhall | STP 2904(1) | VT30 | \$12.7 Million |
| Manchester-Dorset | STP PS19(9) | VT30 | \$3.2 Million |
| Manchester-Peru | STP 2708(1) | VT30 | \$10.1 Million |
| Rockingham-Clarendon | NH SURF(49) | VT103 | \$7.6 Million |
| Rockingham-Springfield | STP 2962(1) | US5 | \$6.2 Million |
| Springfield | STP PS19(5) | VT106 | \$1.4 Million |
| Cavendish-Weathersfield | ER STP 0146(14) | VT131 | \$20.7 Million |

While I wish we had the resources to rehabilitate all the poor roads in Vermont, that unfortunately is not a reality. I can assure you that VTrans will continue to monitor the condition of this road and perform routine maintenance as necessary to get us through to construction. If you would like additional information or want to discuss any of these points in more detail, I would encourage you to contact VTrans Chief Engineer, Kevin Marshia at kevin.marshia@vermont.gov or (802) 279-3594.

Sincerely,



Philip B. Scott
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