



**Town of Middlebury Selectboard
Town Offices
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April 29, 2016

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Dear Peter:

The Town of Middlebury Selectboard, at its April 13, 2016 meeting, referred your letter of April 11 to the Local Project Management Team (LPMT), which is charged with local oversight of the Downtown Bridge Replacement Project. The Selectboard asked the LPMT to prepare a response to the letter for its review, comment, and approval.

The LPMT recognized that many of the concerns expressed on behalf of your clients are shared by the LPMT and are in fact already a central focus of discussion and review during the design planning process now taking place in preparation for a Spring 2017 start to the main construction project. The LPMT welcomes the renewed attention your clients have brought to the key issues of public safety, environmental concerns, and the economic vitality of Middlebury's downtown. The LPMT also recognizes the civic-minded spirit driving your clients' concerns.

At its April 15 meeting, the LPMT requested that the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) provide answers to the 18 questions listed in Attachment 1 of your letter. Those answers, which are attached hereto, were reviewed by the LPMT with VTrans and VHB in attendance at its April 22 meeting. While the final resolution of some aspects of the construction project are still in the process of being worked out—the treatment of stormwater post-construction is a good example of this—the LPMT believes that this process has brought additional clarity to the issues highlighted

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as well as a heightened sense of joint resolve and commitment on the part of VTrans, the Town, and its engineering and construction partners to resolving the challenges of this project in a transparent and collaborative manner.

The Selectboard endorses the LPMT's response to your letter and encourages your clients to continue to attend and participate in LPMT meetings to assure themselves that the project is indeed receiving the diligence and expertise it deserves.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Carpenter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brian Carpenter
Chair, Town of Middlebury Selectboard

Document and Information Requests for VTrans

- Cc: CEO, National Bank of Middlebury
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President, Middlebury College
Senior Warden, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
CEO, Town Hall Theater