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Mr. David C. Dill, Secretary
Agency of Transportation
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Montpelier, VT 05633-5001

Dear Secretary Dill,

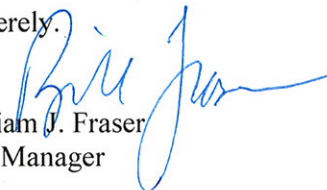
As you know, the City of Montpelier has worked actively with the State of Vermont, and VTrans in particular, toward the development of Stone Cutters Way since the mid-late 1990's.

Redevelopment of the former rail turntable into a public park has been a part of this project from the very beginning. The city has obtained funding from various sources, including the State of Vermont Department of Commerce (downtown funds, community development funds). Along with the pending sale of the salt shed, completion of turntable park represents the last piece of the Stone Cutters Way project.

The city has assembled all necessary funding and approval and is actively moving toward final design, construction bids and construction of the turntable park during summer and fall of 2010. We are proceeding based on the understanding from our various communications this year that Stone Cutters Way is not under active consideration for use as a rail siding. The presence of an active siding would drastically alter the public's desire for use of the park which would then call into question the wisdom of spending state and local money to construct the park. The city's failure to construct the park this year will result in the loss of allocated grant money for the project.

Please advise us if there is any reason why the city should not proceed as planned. Thank you very much for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,


William J. Fraser
City Manager

cc: Mayor Hooper & City Council Members