
CULTURAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL REPORT
APPENDIX A – CORRESPONDENCE



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Mr. D. Scott Newman
Historic Preservation Officer
Vermont Agency of Transportation
National Life Building, 4th Floor
Montpelier, VT 05633

Subject: Circ-Williston Transportation Project
Area of Potential Effect and Historic Resource Eligibility Report

Dear Mr. Newman:

As you are aware, the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are evaluating the Circ-Williston Transportation Project in an environmental impact statement (EIS) through the NEPA process. Pursuant to the Statewide Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, VTrans' qualified historic preservation and archaeological professionals are authorized to act on behalf of the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP) in the application of Section 106 regulations. Those qualified professionals are yourself (Historic Preservation Officer) and Dr. Duncan Wilkie (Archaeology Officer).

The purpose of this letter is to request your concurrence with the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for historic and archaeological resources, and with the identification of historic properties within the APE. Amy Dixon of The Louis Berger Group, Inc. has been consulting with you on these items through meetings and telephone calls. This letter is intended to formally request your concurrence on these items.

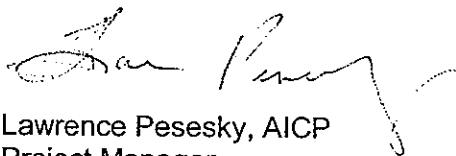
Through your discussions with Ms. Dixon, we understand that the APE for historic properties has been determined to be those properties that front the road along the VT 2A corridor or the Circ A/B corridor, respectively or are contained in the 200-foot wide corridor in the absence of a road. The APE for archaeological resources is based on the extent of the proposed project's limits of construction. As you may be aware, the EIS is evaluating eight build alternatives (along with the no build alternative), all of which will be limited to the VT 2A and/or Circ A/B corridors. For the purposes of the archaeological APE, the limits of construction associated with the widest alternative (i.e., that alternative having the largest construction footprint) in each corridor have been selected for the APE. These APEs are shown in Figure 1 in the attached report.

The attached report also identifies historic resources that could potentially be affected by the project alternatives that are either listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The preliminary determinations of eligibility follow the guidelines and criteria established by the National Park Service. As with the APEs, we are seeking your concurrence with these eligibility determinations.

On behalf of VTrans and FHWA, we thank you for your assistance thus far in this project and look forward to ongoing coordination and consultation with you. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Amy Dixon at (603) 644-5200 ext. 203.

Sincerely,

The Louis Berger Group, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Pesesky", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lawrence Pesesky, AICP
Project Manager
Senior Vice President

Attachment: Historic Resource Eligibility Report, April 2006

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Rob Sikora/FHWA
Dr. John Crock/UVM
Amy Dixon/LBG
Valerie Young/LBG

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Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 12:56 PM

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Cc: Narowski, John; Robie, Ken; Dixon, Amy

Subject: Circ-Williston Historic Properties

I have reviewed the April 2006 Historic Resource Eligibility Report for the above-subject project provided by Louis Berger (Amy Dixon, LBA-HP Consultant) and have concurred with the findings therein. Thanks.

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