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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: March 27, 2019  
To: Citizen Advisory Committee – Main Street Pedestrian Bridge Project  
From: Pat Travers   
Subject: Progress Update for Main Street Pedestrian Bridge Project

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I wanted to bring the committee up-to-date regarding what has happened on the project, since our last meeting on July 18, 2018.

Regarding the status of project design development:

As you know, I made a presentation to the Plainfield Select Board on July 23, 2018, and at that meeting, the board voted to approve the Advisory Committee's recommendation for the concrete overhang framing option for attaching the new sidewalk to the Main Street Bridge. Pursuant to that approval, over the next few months, Engineering Ventures, Dufresne's structural engineering consultant, worked on and finalized the design for that option.

In the meantime, the design change away from the separate pedestrian bridge necessitated a whole new round of environmental (NEPA) and historic impact reviews by State agencies. The review by the VT Division of Historic Preservation was especially difficult, in that some further design changes were mandated that will make construction of the project more costly. We are still awaiting final NEPA review and approval for the project; we were told that would happen sometime during this month.

Last week the Dufresne group submitted an updated 85% design package, which addressed the concerns raised by VTrans during the prior 85% design submittal. Since this was a follow-up submission, I expect VTrans to approve this design submittal within a month.

With the 85% design submittal, an updated draft of the Project Manual (the Specifications book and Bid Documents) was also presented. VTrans will also be reviewing this resubmitted document to verify that all of its prior comments have been incorporated into this newer version.

An updated Construction Cost Estimate was also submitted by Dufresne with the 85% design submittal. The latest projected cost for construction, with contingencies, now stands at \$298,500.00, which is a reduction of about \$10,000.00 from the cost estimate presented last summer.

Right-of-Way Certification:

As you probably recall, no temporary construction easements or any permanent rights-of-way, from abutting property owners, will be required to construct this project. All work can take place within the existing highway rights-of-way. A letter certifying this was written-up by Town Attorney, James Jamele, and submitted to VTrans on 28-Dec-2018. We should be receiving VTrans "Right-of-Way Clear" sometime during April, once the environmental (NEPA) review is completed.

Project schedule:

Based upon input received from Ross Gouin, VTrans Project Supervisor, here is what I see for the project development schedule:

Completion of NEPA (environmental) review – 31-Mar-2019  
Submission of Right-of-Way documents for VTrans review – 4-Apr-2019  
Receive VTrans Right-of-Way Clear documentation – 15-Apr-2019  
Submission of Final Drawings & Project Manual for VTrans review – 15-Apr-2019  
Completion of VTrans review of Final Drawings & Project Manual – 6-May-2019  
Preparation of Contract Documents for Construction by Dufresne – 20-May-2019  
Issuance of RFP for Construction Inspection Services – 20-May-2019  
VTrans review of and approval of Contract Documents 10-Jun-2019  
Issuance of Invitation for Bids from Construction Contractors – 10-Jun-2019  
Receipt of Bids from Contractors – 10-Jul-2019  
Start of Construction – 1 Sep-2019  
Construction Completion 15-Nov-2019

Should you have any questions regarding any of the information presented in this memo, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It may be a good idea to schedule a meeting of the Advisory Committee, so that we can discuss the project in more detail and so that I can address any of your concerns or questions.

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I will also be looking for members of the committee to volunteer in the selection process for the Resident Engineer (Construction Inspection Consultant) for the project.