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November 20, 2017

Daniel Currier, Program Manager  
Central VT Regional Planning Commission  
By email: [currier@cvregion.com](mailto:currier@cvregion.com)

Re: CY2018 Transportation Planning Projects Offering

Dear Mr. Currier:

In response to your request for proposals for CY2018 transportation planning projects, the Town of East Montpelier would like to request consideration for a traffic safety study of the Towne Hill Road/US Rte. 2 intersection in East Montpelier. The East Montpelier Selectboard, by motion at its November 20, 2017 meeting, authorized submission of this request.

US Rte. 2 is part of the national road system and is by far the busiest road in East Montpelier. Towne Hill Road is a major point-to-point commuter and local traffic highway running from US Rte. 2 west to its terminus at Main Street in Montpelier. The Towne Hill Road approach to this intersection is a steep descent with woods on both sides to a T-intersection with the Winooski River lurking just to the east. There have been a number of accidents involving injuries at this intersection, including one just two weeks ago that resulted in three ambulance transports to CVMC. The town has approached, unsuccessfully, the VT Agency of Transportation and the VT Traffic Committee numerous times over the years requesting an extension of the East Montpelier Village US Rte. 2 speed limit of 35 mph from the current point of increase at Mekkelsen RV Sales & Rentals to a point closer to Codling Road, well south of this intersection. The US Rte. 2 conditions of high speeds and traffic volumes, challenging site lines, and turning vehicles coupled with pressure from traffic lining up behind create an atmosphere for the Towne Hill Road driver that is not conducive to a safe entrance onto US Rte. 2. CVRPC has recently sponsored a study of the other major Towne Hill Road intersection in East Montpelier at the northern terminus of Gallison Hill Road and the southern end of Brazier Road. At the time there was a discussion on the possibility of combining both Towne Hill Road intersections into one study, but that was deemed impractical. We are now requesting a separate study of this equally important intersection.

The town has no estimate of cost, but is willing to participate in the study, both in terms of a funding cost share and employee time/assistance. Please contact me if you require any further information on the subject of this request.

Sincerely,

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East Montpelier Town Administrator

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