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Re: Stop work on Bridge St. Southern Sidewalk Project

Dear Josh,

This letter is a follow-up to your letter dated May 21, 2024, regarding the Richmond TAP TA23(17) Sidewalk Project. After discussing this with the Town and project team last week, we understand that the Town desires to cancel the project. VTrans would like to make sure that the Town understands all the consequences of this decision before we formally close out the project with FHWA.

As we had discussed, if the Town elects to move forward with cancelation of the project, the project expenses up to this point would be subject to payback based upon Section 4 of Attachment B of our Grant Agreement:

4. Reimbursement if Project Not Constructed due to Subrecipient. *If at any time the Subrecipient no longer desires the improvements as specified for the Project, or if the Subrecipient fails to meet its obligation to construct the Project, then the Subrecipient shall promptly notify the State. As provided by 19 V.S.A. § 309c(a), the State shall consult with the Subrecipient about the Subrecipient's obligation to repay project costs. The Secretary of Transportation shall then make the final determination of the amount and schedule for the repayment that shall be made to the State by the Subrecipient, considering applicable laws and regulations. Pursuant to 19 V.S.A. §§ 5(d)(13) and 309c(b), within 15 days of the Secretary's determination, the Subrecipient may petition the Vermont Transportation Board for a hearing to determine whether the amount of the Subrecipient's repayment obligation as determined by the Secretary may be reduced.*

As of today, 06/13/2024, VTrans' records indicate that a total of \$10,111.70 in federal & state funds have been spent to date on this project. This total includes payments made to the Town as well as VTrans' time spent on the project to date. Please reply to this memo, to confirm that the Town would still like to pursue cancelation / forfeiture of this project prior to July 10th, 2024 and confirm that the Town understands the payback provisions outlined above and in the grant agreement.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Ross Gouin

Ross Gouin, VTrans - Municipal Assistance - Project Manager

