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September 17, 2015

Mr. Michael Bissonette, Selectboard Chair and  
Mr. Trevor Lashua, Town Administrator  
Town of Hinesburg  
c/o Ms. Missy Ross, Town Clerk  
10632 VT Route 116  
Hinesburg, VT 05461

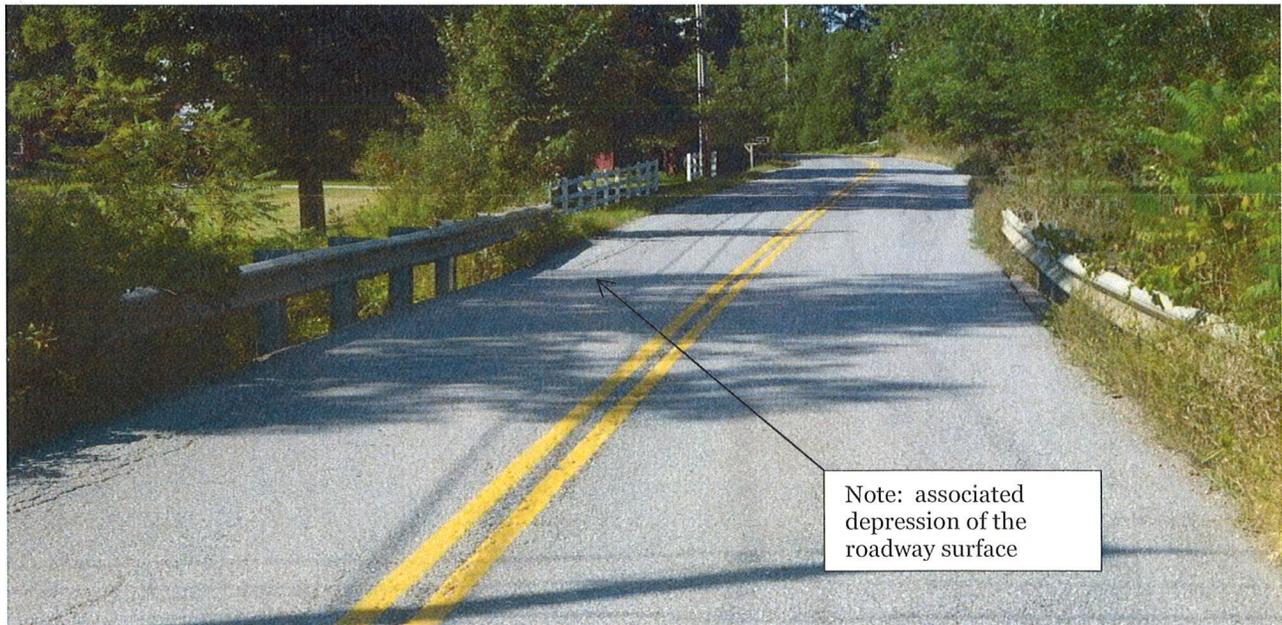
**RE: Hinesburg, bridge #27 on TH #8 / Tyler Bridge Road (class 2) over Hollow Brook**

Dear Mr. Bissonette and Mr. Lashua:

The Federal National Bridge Inspection Standards require inspection of all publicly owned bridges over 20 feet in length on a 24 month cycle. A two-member team performs the inspection, with at least one member specially trained for this work. The Agency of Transportation provides this inspection in the interest of public safety and as a service to the municipalities with the cost shared between the Federal government and the State.

The above structure is a prestressed concrete slab bridge spanning Hollow Brook. During a recent inspection, the following problem was discovered and in need of attention.

**The brook has washed behind, removed material, and exposed the upstream wingwall at abutment #2. To protect this bridge and the roadway approach from high-water events, it is recommended that this area be properly repaired and the wingwall protected to prevent the brook's continued washing and fill erosion behind the substructure unit.**



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Note: exposed wingwall and material loss



This structure is owned by the town and as such is the responsibility of the town. **Failure to comply with the recommendations may compromise public safety, result in additional damage, and/or substantially reduce the service life of the structure.**

Even though a bridge is recommended for repair due to deterioration, impact damage, insufficient capacity, or scour by the State, the decision to properly respond to the recommendations is the responsibility of municipal officials. However, it is in the best interest of the municipality to address these recommendations. A failure to address potential bridge hazards may result in tort liability claims.

Please send WRITTEN notification of your intent to comply with, your compliance with, or reasons for non-compliance with these recommendations within 60 days from receipt of this letter. We are required by the Federal Highway Administration to report to them when the recommended posting, closure, and/or safety repairs have been implemented. A response form has been provided for your use.

If you have any questions concerning the matter, please contact your local District Transportation Administrator, DTA David Blackmore 802-343-1627 or me at 802-828-0041. A representative from Bridge Inspection would be willing to meet with you at the site to discuss the contents of this letter.

Sincerely,

Pamela M. Thurber, P.E.  
Bridge Inspection and Budget Program Manager

PMT: FRE: *pmt*  
cc: David Blackmore, DTA Northwest Region/District #5  
NBIS Inspection Files via FRE  
FHWA Design and Structures Engineer



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The Selectboard of the town of Hinesburg ...

WILL properly repair the eroded and exposed area behind the upstream wingwall of abutment #2. Anticipated completion of this work is \_\_\_\_\_ (date). \*Town WILL notify the State in writing when work is complete.

OTHER \*Reason(s) for non-compliance \_\_\_\_\_  
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