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Ms. Jen Dudley-Gaillard, Chair
Town of Bolton Selectboard
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway (US Route 2)
Bolton, VT 05676

RE: **Bolton IM 089-2(45) I 89 Br. 51-3 Notch Road Culvert under I89**

Dear Ms. Dudley-Gaillard,

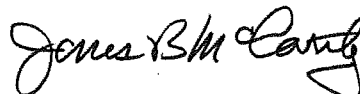
This letter is an update of the status of the above project. My apologies for the delay in responding to the Town as a result of our two public meetings on October 25, 2016 and February 2, 2017. We have had some management changes here in the Structures Section and Jon Griffin, project manager for the scoping of this project, has taken another position in our Asset Management group. We have completed the scoping phase and are now moving into the preliminary engineering for the design of the project.

The public meetings were of great help to us to understand the issues associated with this structure for both vehicular and pedestrian use. The Conceptual Plans for this project will be developed to best address the issues with this concrete culvert from a structural and functional aspect within the limits of our current funding. We understand the community desires a more substantial reconstruction of this structure to provide for the unrestricted flow of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic in a safe manner. Unfortunately, that type of reconstruction is financially well outside the scope of this project given the structural condition of this culvert.

We will be starting the conceptual design this fall to address the minor structural issues along with some options to increase the safety of the culvert for pedestrians. We will contact the Town to schedule a meeting to present these options near the end of this year or early in 2018. Construction funding is current programmed for fiscal year 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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Project Manager

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