

TO: Joe Flynn, Secretary of Transportation

FROM: Wayne Symonds, P.E., Chief Engineer Highway Division


DATE: November 14, 2018

SUBJECT: Emergency Declaration Hartford STP 0113(78)

This memo is to request your concurrence on an Emergency Declaration in accordance with 19 V.S.A. § 10g(h) and (k) for the above referenced project.

On Wednesday November 7, 2018, a culvert plugged (PID #15030) located in Hartford on Route US 5 at mile point 0.56. Debris was subsequently removed from the inlet but after further inspection once the water was pumped down it was determined that the culvert was failing with loss of road subbase material. The extent of the failure is currently unknown but staff believe that the stone box portion of this culvert is failed and needs to be repaired. A temporary bypass pipe has been installed through the embankment to prevent water from damaging nearby property and homes. Route US 5 is closed until the extent of the damage can be assessed and repair made to the road. Traffic is detoured onto Interstate I-91 at this time.

Considering the loss of mobility to the traveling public, the extreme financial consequences to the State, towns and individuals due to the detour and the urgency to repair this adequately before Spring highwater. I hereby concur with the need to declare this situation an emergency to facilitate the rapid repairs necessary to repair and reopen Route US 5 and to program the project; Hartford STP 0113(78) to make such repairs.



Joe Flynn, Secretary of Transportation



Date