

THIS MATTER
REQUIRES YOUR ATTENTION
BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Joint Transportation Oversight Committee
Senator Anne Cummings Representative Martha Heath
Senator Richard Mazza Representative Janet Ancel
Senator Jane Kitchel Representative Patrick Brennan

FROM: Jeb Spaulding, Secretary, Agency of Administration
Michael J. Obuchowski, Commissioner of Buildings and General Services

SUBJECT: Public-Private Partnership for the establishment of a privately operated State sanctioned Visitor Center at Exit 4 off Interstate 89 in Randolph, Vermont

DATE: December 28, 2012

As you know, we appeared before you on August 21, 2012, to offer testimony and request your support for a proposal to establish a privately operated visitor center at Exit 4 off Interstate 89 in Randolph that the Administration believes has merit. Since that time, the details of the Development Agreement have been crafted and agreement between the two parties has been reached that we believe is in the best interest of the State.

This proposal, if authorized, will enhance visitor services to the travelling public, preclude the need for public funding of services in this section of the interstate corridor in the future, and have ancillary benefits by providing employment and serving as a promotional opportunity to showcase Vermont products, attractions and institutions to those visiting the State. A summary of the development proposal is attached.

At our August meeting with JTOC, the administration promised to bring the agreement back to you for final review before it is executed. Attached is the final agreement.

If you have concerns about the agreement as drafted, please get back to me by January 8, 2013. If we have not heard from you by that time, our assumption will be that you have approved the Agreement. If your concerns rise to a serious level, as you determine, we are more than willing to convene a telephone call meeting or actual meeting of the Committee.

Attachments:

1. Memorandum to JTOC Members (from MJO + JS)
2. Background Information
3. Authority
4. Development Agreement - 12/28/12 revision

Cc: Brian R. Searles, Secretary, VTrans
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