CITY OF RUTLAND

BOARD OF ALDERMEN



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September 8, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

At a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Thursday, August 27, 2009, a motion was made and passed unanimously to have the Board President write a letter, accompanied by a resolution, strongly urging the State to continue consideration of stimulus funding for storm water projects in the manner it has through Phase I of the project funding.

City voters, at a special election in June 2009, approved bonding authority as match money for five city projects. All five city projects were left off from immediate contention for funding because the State deemed the projects not "shovel ready" by September 1, 2009. The City of Rutland's concern is that the State use the same rules when considering projects for the second round of funding, therefore increasing the likelihood of funding for these vital storm water projects.

The Rutland City Board of Aldermen strongly urges the State not to change the rules and reserve funding for the February round of awards.

Thank you,

David Allaire, President Rutland City Board of Aldermen

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the federal government passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Federal Stimulus Bill) with the purpose of improving the nation's failing infrastructure, and

WHEREAS the City of Rutland voters approved by a margin of 3-1 during a special election on June 9th, 2009 to authorize bonding for 5 critical water/sewer infrastructure projects, and

WHEREAS, the State of Vermont determined that it would support the policy of distributing economic stimulus funding equitably throughout the State rather than allow a fewer number of large and expensive projects to monopolize the available funds, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rutland, though it made a desperate effort to aggressively meet the difficult benchmarks, will not be in a position to ultimately take advantage of available federal stimulus financing during the current "September round" of funding, now

THEREFORE, the Rutland City Board of Aldermen strongly urges its local Representatives and Senators to the Vermont State General Assembly and the Administrative officials of the State of Vermont to ensure that local project funding be extended through 2010 by adhering to project funding caps and any other measures that guarantee stimulus projects are equitably distributed throughout the State to those communities with the most critical needs.

| Signed this 8+4 day of _ | SEPTEMBER, 2009. |
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