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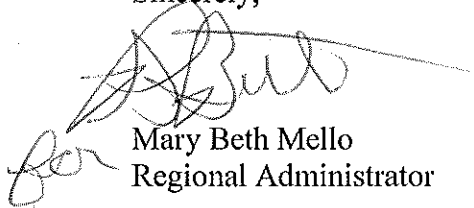
**Re: Addison County Transit Resources Administrative, Maintenance and
Bus Storage Facility - Environmental Determination**

Dear Mr. Moulton:

After reviewing the Categorical Exclusion checklist submitted by the Addison County Transit Resource (ACTR) for the construction of a new Administrative, Maintenance and Bus Storage Facility located on 341 Creek Road, Middlebury, Vermont, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has determined that the specific conditions or criteria for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) under 23 CFR 771.117(d) (8) are satisfied and that significant environmental impacts will not result (attached).

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Judi Molloy at 617-494-3488. The FTA looks forward to continuing to work with ACTR on this transit project.

Sincerely,


for
Mary Beth Mello
Regional Administrator

Attachment

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION**

Project: Construction of an Administrative, Maintenance and Bus Storage Facility

Project Location: 341 Creek Road, Middlebury, Vermont

Project Applicant: Addison County Transit Resource (ACTR)

ACTR proposes to utilize Federal Transit Administration (FTA) financial assistance for construction of a new Administrative, Maintenance and Bus Storage Facility. The project consists of approximately 13,000 square feet of space consisting of:

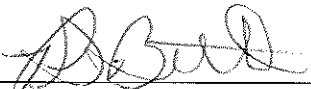
1. Administrative and operations office space;
2. Maintenance bay;
3. Indoor bus storage for up to eight buses;
4. Vehicle wash bay; and
5. Employee and visitor parking for 36 automobiles and 15 bus parking spaces.

All of the site improvements will be constructed on land owned by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans). ACTR will execute a long term lease for with VTrans prior to the construction of the new facility.

On August 9, 2010, the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP) determined that the proposed project will have no effect on historic resources under 36 CFR Part 800. In accordance with Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act the FTA has reviewed and concurred on the VDHP's determination of No Historic Properties Effected.

Based on the attached Categorical Exclusion (CE) checklist of October 28, 2010, submitted by the ACTR and VDHP's determination of No-Historic Properties Effected, the FTA finds that the specific conditions or criteria for a CE under 23 CFR 771.117(d)(8) are satisfied and that significant environmental impacts will not result.

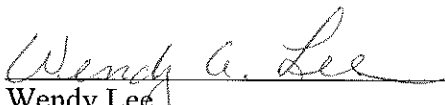
In accordance with 23 CFR 771.135, the FTA has determined that Section 4(f) requirements do not apply since 4(f) resources will be used as a result of this project.



Mary Beth Mello
Regional Administrator, FTA, Region I

Date: 12/2/10

Concurrence:



Wendy Lee
Regional Counsel

Date: 12/2/10