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Ms. Valerie J. Capels, AICP
Director, Department of Planning and Community Development
City of Montpelier
City Hall, 39 Main Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05602-2950

Dear Valerie:

I have received your March 10, 2005 memo and attached orthophotos regarding your proposed Montpelier Multi-Modal Transit and Welcome Center on the Carr Lot at Taylor Street in Montpelier, Vermont. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your early coordination on this project.

You have asked for my comments as to whether the proposed project would have an effect on areas subject to my jurisdiction. With the level of information that you've provided, it is not possible for me to make any kind of definitive determination. Since you have not provided any plans for the project, I cannot, at this time, make any judgment as to what type of permit (if any), and thus how much involvement by the Corps, would be required. Once a preliminary design has been formulated, and environmental constraints have been identified in the field, you should forward a copy to me so that I may then be able to make an initial determination. My obvious concerns at this point are, of course, whether any wetlands will be impacted, what impacts, if any, will occur to the Winooski River and/or the North Branch, what alternatives may be available, and whether the project will affect any historically or archaeologically significant sites.

Again, thank you for providing the opportunity to comment at this early phase of the project. Please call me at 802 872-2893 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Lefebvre".

Martha Lefebvre
Senior Project Manager
Regulatory Division