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TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE  
AVON, CT

Mr. Brandon Robertson  
Town Manager  
Town of Avon  
Avon Town Hall  
60 West Main Street  
Avon, Connecticut 06001

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Subject: State Project Nos. 04-116/04-118  
Replacement of Bridge No. 04470 Old Farms Road Over the Farmington River/  
Intersection Relocation of Route 10 and Old Farms Road  
Town of Avon

Project No. 04-116 consists of replacing the Old Farms Road Bridge over the Farmington River along with the relocation of Old Farms Road from the bridge westerly to Tillotson Road. The bridge is proposed to be relocated approximately 45 meters (148 ft.) north of its existing location. This project is being designed by the Consulting firm of Wengell, McDonnell and Costello, Inc. (WMC).

Project No. 04-118 involves the relocation of Old Farms Road from the bridge easterly to the Route 10 intersection. Turning lanes will be constructed on Route 10 and the intersection will be signalized. The reconstruction of a segment of Bishop Lane, extending easterly from Route 10 will also be included. The new intersection will be approximately 65 meters (215 feet) north of the existing intersection.

This letter is a follow up to our April 5, 2012, meeting, between your office, the consulting firm of Wengell, McDonnell and Costello, Inc. (WMC), and the Department of Transportation (Department). At this meeting, it was mutually decided that the Department will take over the design of the roadway portion of both projects. WMC will continue with the design of the bridge.

The Department will spot check and verify the ground survey before moving forward with the design. Based on the extensive Town involvement during the concept and design of these projects, it will be prudent that any additional survey, if needed, will be provided by the Town. Since the meeting, discrepancies have been found in the existing ground survey, and are getting resolved through your office. Due to the age of the survey, the Department has requested that your office, survey and spot check the existing ground of Route 10 and provide the Department with a new Triangulated Irregular Network (TIN). The Department will create a new computer generated 3-D surface in order to complete the design of these projects.

Environmental permits will be prepared and submitted by the Department. Any supporting documents for the bridge portion of the permit will be completed by the WMC.

The existing agreement with WMC may be amended to add additional services.

All rights of way have been acquired, however, if additional rights or easements needed, they will be acquired under Project No. 4-118.

The existing preliminary engineering (PE) funding for Project No. 4-116 will be supplemented with additional 100% State funds to pay for WMC services required to complete the bridge design. A new PE project will be created in order to finish the design of Project No. 4-118 and prepare environmental permits for both projects.

At this time, the Department plans to fund the construction of both projects under the Fix-it-First program (100% state funds) however, we may finance a portion of the construction phase with Federal funds that may be available at the time of project delivery. The completed design of both projects will be processed, advertised and construction administered by State forces.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. William W. Britnell, Principal Engineer, at (860) 594-3274.

Very truly yours,



Timothy M. Wilson, P.E.  
Manager of Highway Design  
Bureau of Engineering and Construction



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May 24, 2012

Commissioner James Redeker  
CT Department of Transportation  
2800 Berlin Turnpike  
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RE: State Project Nos. 04-116/04-118  
Replacement of Bridge No. 04470 Old Farms Road Over the Farmington  
River/Intersection Relocation of Route 10 and Old Farms Road  
Town of Avon

Dear Commissioner Redeker,

The Town of Avon is very pleased to receive the letter from Mr. William Britnell, Principal Engineer, Conn-DOT, confirming that the State of Connecticut will fund 100% of the cost of the design, permitting and construction of the above referenced projects.

As we discussed at our meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>, the completion of these projects will provide a much needed improvement to one of the major east/west transportation corridors in the Town of Avon and the Farmington Valley.

The Town of Avon would like to once again reiterate our willingness to do whatever you and the Department feel is necessary to advance these projects. Town representatives had an excellent meeting with Conn-DOT staff on April 5<sup>th</sup> to review the current status of the design and to establish a process for the transfer of documents. Avon's engineering staff and DOT's design engineers are continuing to work together both in the office as well as in the field to expedite the project. Under your leadership, it is clear that Conn-DOT staff is committed to working with the Town on these projects. In addition, I would be remiss if I did not specifically mention the commitment that Tony Estanislau has exhibited throughout his work with the Town.

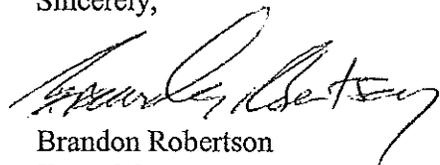
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Again, we are most pleased with your support and the support of Conn-DOT. We look forward to working closely with the Department as we complete the design and permitting and ultimately complete construction.

Sincerely,



Brandon Robertson  
Town Manager

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