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Sherry Winnie, RTP Administrator
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Dear Grant Application Review Committee Member:

I am writing to you today in support of the VASA VT Route 105 Connector Project. As an avid sportsman and outdoor enthusiast, I recognize the importance of safe, sustainable, and environmentally-friendly trails. VASA's Route 105 Connector project fits well with this mission, and I endorse the application of this project for possible grant funding.

This project will connect two existing trail segments and improve safety within the Tri-County ATV Club trail system for ATV users in the Town of Brighton. Specifically, this project will provide a safe off-highway vehicle trail connection from an existing private property ATV trail to Five Mile Square Road, including a crossing of VT Route 105. This project will improve safety, relieve automobile conflicts, and provide for safe ATV transportation between existing residential, recreational, and municipal centers.

At the present time, there is no safe method of connecting the existing ATV trail west of VT 105 to Town Highway #5. It should be noted that this project consists primarily of making a safe crossing of VT Route 105. The project conforms to VTrans design standards, is fully permitted, and has been vetted through several Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation processes.

When completed, this project will allow safe ATV access and improve the legal, managed trail system connecting Brighton with Morgan. This includes making a connection with existing

commercial ventures and two trail heads, which will make it easier for ATV users to contribute to the local economy.

VASA and the State of Vermont have collaborated over a number of years to make this project a reality. Fortunately, I have been able to monitor this project under two administrations, and I fully recognize the benefits of the project. I support its funding and implementation.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Scott", with a stylized, cursive script.

Phil Scott