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This is all very good.

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On Aug 28, 2014, at 11:04 AM, "Kunin, Lisa" <Lisa.Kunin@state.vt.us> wrote:

Liz,

1. Sutton Bridge - There was in fact an MOU signed this week by the Quebec government related to the Sutton Bridge (also known as the International Bridge). Brian Searles signed the document several months ago, and received word yesterday that the document was signed on Tuesday by the Minister of Transportation.
2. A35 – Brian heard that September 26th (Friday) is a possible date for the opening of the A35. That day does not work for the Governor. Marianne Bonnard asked that we let her know if there are specific dates that do not work - we have given her September 26th as well as Sept. 24th and 25th.
3. Shana and I plan to speak with Marianne next week to discuss the Governor's participation in the road opening (Quebec is trying to find a date for their team) and the Climate Conference in NYC.
4. Pre-Clearance – I spoke with Brian and the delay is on our end right now. While there are a number of issues related to the Beyond Border Agreement that are being reviewed, the one referred to by the Premier is related to the approval of architectural plans currently sitting with Homeland Security. Brian recently spoke with Chris Saunders in Leahy's office who said they are watching this closely. I have left a message for Chris to get additional information and to see if there is something proactive we can do. He is on the road with the Senator today, so I may not connect with him until next week.
5. Cabinet Interaction with Quebec - Brian has a meeting schedule with the Quebec Transportation Minister. Once the meeting happens, he will include mention in his weekly report. Justin Johnson and David Mears have also been in touch with their counterparts in Quebec and the Environmental Minister is hoping to meet with them following the UN Climate Conference.

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