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Amit Bose, Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Bose:

Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) is pleased to submit our Expression of Interest in the Corridor Identification and Development (ID) Program. Vermont currently has two Amtrak services, the Ethan Allen Express, which we share with the New York State Department of Transportation, and the Vermonter, which we share with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

VTrans intends to submit proposals to extend the Vermonter service into Canada, from the current terminus at St. Albans to Montreal's Central Station. We expect to be joined in this proposal by both MassDOT and CTDOT. This is Vermont's top passenger rail priority as indicated in the [2021 Vermont Rail Plan](#).

Other Vermont intercity passenger rail priorities for your consideration in the Corridor ID program include:

- Capital improvements to the existing Ethan Allen Express corridor to support enhanced service performance.
- Connecting the Ethan Allen Express which currently terminates in Burlington, with the Vermonter in Essex Junction, Vermont.
- Enhanced service on the Vermonter to support a connection from Springfield, MA to South Station in Boston. We therefore support the July 18, 2022 Expression of Interest submitted by MassDOT, which includes a proposed corridor from Albany, NY to Boston, via Springfield, MA.
- New passenger service on the Albany-Bennington-Burlington freight route to supplement the Ethan Allen Express service.

Our primary point of contact for this program will be Daniel Delabruere, Director of the Rail and Aviation Bureau of VTrans, Daniel.Delabruere@vermont.gov and I am also available to assist.

We look forward to FRA's further guidance and to submitting these proposals to FRA. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this Expression of Interest.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Toni Clithero, VTrans Amtrak Program Manager

