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**Subject:** RE: Request for written opinion about access to 80 & 90 Upper Main St., Essex  
**Attachments:** Essex Town Office\_CONCEPT-A.pdf; Essex Town Office\_CONCEPT-B.pdf

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Hi Greg,

VTrans supports the concept of a new access approximately halfway between Billie Butler Drive and Old Stage Road on the north side of VT15, as shown on the two attached conceptual layouts you submitted dated 11/3/23.

A feature important to us is the access to VT15 at Billie Butler and Old Stage, with a connecting back road, as shown on both concept plans.

We like the pedestrian crossing at Old Stage Road as shown on Concept A. The pedestrian crossing should be at an intersection. We would not support the mid-block pedestrian crossing shown on Concept B. It is also noted that pedestrian facilities should be constructed along the north side of VT15 for better connectivity.

Both concepts show a new signal at the proposed access. A signal would need to meet the signal warrants, so we can't say yes to this at this time. For Concept B it may be preferable to install a signal which only activates when emergency vehicles are exiting, similar to the fire station on Main Street in Montpelier.

If warranted, VTrans may require an eastbound left turn lane at the new access.

Thank you for checking with us, and I hope this email is sufficient for your purposes.

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Ed and Chris,

Attached are two conceptual plans for 80 & 90 Upper Main St. I'll emphasize the "conceptual" nature, but hopefully they're useful in showing potential access points and potential development layouts. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Greg

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Hi Ed,

Thanks for the quick response. Nov. 10 would be fantastic.

Thanks,  
Greg

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Thanks Greg. We can't respond by 11/3 as you asked. We'll try and get back to you by Friday 11/10/23.

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Ed and Chris,

Thanks again for taking the time to meet on Friday. Attached, please find a letter from the Town of Essex requesting a written opinion about access to 80 & 90 Upper Main St. via VT Route 15/Upper Main St. Please let me know if there are any questions or if you need any additional info.

Best,  
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