



US ROUTE 7 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS Pittsford - Brandon, VT

CLIENT

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LOCATION

Pittsford and Brandon, Vermont

COST

Estimated Construction Cost: \$70
Million

DESCRIPTION

The National Highway System (NHS) consists of this country's most significant transportation corridors in regard to interstate and inter-regional travel. US Route 7 provides a critical geographic and economic link for the people and goods being transported through the western part of Vermont.

According to records maintained by the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), the sufficiency rating of about 12.6 km (7.8 miles) of this corridor is below 60 out of a best possible score of 100. The sufficiency ratings were last completed statewide in 2008. The rating evaluates sections of Vermont's highways based on structural conditions, safety, and quality of service. A sufficiency rating below 60 is indicative of a poor or a bad section of highway. This type of condition on a section of the NHS is unacceptable.

CLD assisted VTrans in bringing the 7-mile project through the scoping and conceptual design phases. That work involved monthly meetings with a local Steering Committee, coordination with the Agency of Natural Resource, and numerous public meetings. The project was then divided into six segments.

CLD is currently completing Right-of-Way plans for the 2.3-mile Pittsford Segment 3 project that is being designed by VTrans.

- Highway Design
- Drainage Design
- Natural Resource Agencies' Coordination
- Public Participation
- Landscape Design
- Signal Design
- Best Management Stormwater Practices
- Utility Relocation

CLD completed preliminary, pre-final, final and contract plans for the 2.7-mile Brandon Segment 5 project. We provided expert testimony for both the Act 250 and the Necessity Hearings. CLD performed Property Owner Meetings and completed right-of-way plans, working with VTrans through the process. This project was advertised for construction September 2009, and we have been assisting VTrans during construction.

The Brandon Segment 6 project is being municipally managed by the Town of Brandon as a Local Transportation Facilities Project. The project is located within a historic district, so appropriate mitigation measures are being employed, such as landscaping and other streetscape improvements. CLD is completing a major redesign of entire water and sewer systems within the project limits. This project is currently in the Right-of-Way phase.

