October 19, 2009

Mr. Jeffrey W. Kolb, P.E.
Federal Highway Administration
Leo W. O’Brien Federal Building
Suite 719
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Mr. Kolb:

New York State Department of Transportation has determined that it is necessary to undertake federally aided emergency highway construction repair work on the Lake Champlain Bridge spanning the lake between Crown Point, NY and Chimney Point, Vermont. This bridge was closed on October 16, 2009 because the bridge’s deteriorated condition presents an unacceptable level of risk to the public.

Pursuant to 23 CFR Part 635.204 (b) NYSDOT has determined that it necessary to invoke emergency contracting procedures for federally financed highway construction work. Project details, including work, methods, and estimated costs will be forthcoming. Your conceptual approval pending receipt of these details would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Stanley Gee
Acting Commissioner

cc: Governor’s Office
    Attorney General
    Comptroller’s Office
    VT AOT