

VTrans Training Center (VTTC)

Update regarding the following requirement:

Act 153 (2011-2012 Legislative Session)

Sec. 16. VTRANS TRAINING CENTER FACILITY

(a) The "VTrans Learning Campus" project within the fiscal year 2013 transportation buildings program is renamed the "VTrans Training Center" project, and the scope of the project is amended to read, "Renovation of existing materials & research building for use by the VTrans Training Center and the traffic research section."

(b) The agency shall rename the VTrans Learning Campus program to be the VTrans Training Center program.

(c) After the effective date of this act, the agency shall:

(1) continue to pursue the acquisition or construction of a facility, not located in a flood hazard area, that is suitable to satisfy the agency's long-term objectives for the VTrans Training Center program; and

(2) create a plan for the development of a VTrans Training Center facility that will satisfy the long-term objectives of the program.

Search for Property/Facility (Act 153, Section 16(a)(1):

Exit 10 (Waterbury Area): We briefly explored the possibility of utilizing a couple of buildings in the Waterbury State Office complex. However, there is no land associated with these buildings to do equipment or working-over-water training and by this time, the Department of Buildings & General Services has probably leased them to other entities.

Exit 9 (Middlesex/Moretown): There is one 279-acre parcel with 50% useable land for \$1,000,000. No municipal water or sewer available. There is a 15-acre parcel with 6 acres of useable land with no municipal water or sewer available.

Exit 8 (Montpelier): We checked with Vermont College. No space available. No land. No other opportunities in the Montpelier area.

Exit 7 (Barre/Berlin): The Knights of Columbus property in Barre Town is on the market. They are asking \$600,000 for the building and 10 acres. No municipal water/sewer, but they already have a drilled well and on-sight sewer system. Building would need considerable renovation/enlargement.

Exit 6 (Barre Town): Rock of Ages Corps has their old office building on the market for \$625,000. Fair amount of floor space, would need some amount of reconfiguring the interior layout. Has municipal water/sewer. No land, but they may be willing to allow us use of some property for equipment training.

Exit 5 (Williamstown): Nothing.

Exit 4 (Randolph): VTC property being explored by VTrans PDD for a highway safety training course (with other interested partners). Might provide some area for our equipment training. Probably not enough room for a full training center campus as well.

Exit 3 (Bethel/Royalton): Route 107, Clifford Building with 3 acres. Will be available in June of 2015. 6000 sq ft building. Will be asking around \$800,000. Exit 3 is a little farther south than we would prefer

to be located for a “central” training center location and the amount of land available is nowhere near sufficient for any sort of equipment training.

VTTC Long-term Development Plan (Act 153, Section 16(a)(2)): The creation “of a plan for the development of a VTrans Training Center facility that will satisfy the long-term objectives of the program” is an ongoing process. The Agency continues to look at opportunities to refine and expand the course offerings in order to promote a culture that fosters innovative ideas and employee development across the organization.