

**From:** Sara [mailto:mendonadmin@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2014 10:39 AM  
**To:** Jonathan Williams  
**Subject:** RE: Municipal Officials Needed to Testify on Value of VTrans Limited Service District Tech Positions

Jonathan,

Mendon supports the VTRANS tech positions to provide technical assistance to municipalities (as outlined in the VTRANS Orange Book).

1. Mendon was greatly affected by TS Irene with 30 project worksheets totaling \$2 million in damages. By the time the tech's came on board, Mendon had already contracted with an engineering firm under a Master Service Agreement to handle the technical assistance for 6 large projects. We would not be able to speak in support of the positions re: TS Irene.
2. Mendon did utilize the services of the tech positions to help assist the town in determining the proper installation plan of a large 57" X 38" squashed metal pipe culvert, outline the costs estimate codes so the town could put the project out to bid. Due to Codes and Standards and ANR requirements, an 18" pipe is required to be increased to a huge 57" X 38" opening. The project is being funded with the support of the VTRANS Structures Program. Mendon is supportive of this type of technical assistance from the tech positions.
3. Mendon would like assistance from the tech positions to help the town obtain better cost estimates for the road, bridge and culvert inventories that municipalities are required to develop and maintain. In small municipalities we don't have the resources to get this information otherwise. Many times we budget for a small culvert replacement project at \$5,000 and when it comes time to replace, the project balloons to a \$30K+ project because of either hydraulic requirements or ANR requirements. To accurately estimate these projects is beyond the expertise of our Road Commissioner, but does not require hiring an engineer for \$5K to provide the answers.

Mendon has a great working relationship with VTRANS District #3 and we would like to work with them more closely to better utilize knowledge and expertise at the local level. Please let me know if Mendon's experience would be useful.

Thanks,

Sara Tully  
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