## Current Relocation Order Process:

- The Agency of Transportation (VTrans) issues relocation orders to all utilities affected by proposed construction and are required to relocate in advance of the project beginning construction.
  - 1. VTrans works with utility owners to design a relocation that suits the utilities needs as well as accommodates the needs of the project.
  - 2. VTrans generates a relocation schedule which if sent to utility owners for comment/approval.
  - 3. Upon approval/acknowledgement VTrans issues a Title 19 Section 1111 permit and a Utility Relocation order, this relocation order incorporates the dates that were previously sent to the utility owners for consideration.
  - 4. In the event a utility fails to move in a timely manner, VTrans has the authority per Title 30 Section 2504 to remove/relocate those utilities and recover the costs associated with this work.
- The current relocation order language puts additional liability on VTrans and would ultimately cause additional delays to the project due to the need to have a private contractor scheduled to conduct this work.

## **Proposed Relocation Order Process:**

- Numbers One thru Three of the current process will stay the same in the proposed relocation order process.
- Per the proposed language, VTrans will shift the liability of relocation delays onto the utility companies that fail to relocate their facilities in a timely manner and or to meet the proposed relocation duration for their work.

## Past projects that VTrans received and paid claims related to relocations:

• St. Johnsbury BRO 1447(19) – Settled delay claim for \$75,000.00

Past projects that contractors had to work around utilities that failed to relocate on time:

- Andover BHF 016-1(29)
- Bethel Randolph STP 2921(1)
- Burke BRF 0269(13)
- East Montpelier STP 028-3(35)s
- Johnson BRF 030-2(26)
- Stowe BRF 0235(15) This project was actually delayed a full year due to relocations.
- Richford BRF 0302(29)
- Rockingham BRF 0126(12)
- Vershire Thetford STP 2911(1)
- Walden BRF 030-3(5)
- Winhall STP CULV(31)
- Woodstock BRF 0151(21)

## Current projects with potential for delays:

• Colchester STP 5600(9)s