

1 * * * Required Contents of the Annual Transportation Program * * *

2 Sec. 1a. 19 V.S.A. § 10g(p) is added to read:

3 (p) The Agency shall include the annual maintenance required for the
4 Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT), running from Swanton to St. Johnsbury, in
5 the Transportation Program it presents to the General Assembly under
6 subsection (a) of this section. The proposed authorization for the maintenance
7 of the LVRT shall be sufficient to cover:

8 (1) maintenance and repair or replacement of any bridges along the
9 LVRT;

10 (2) maintenance and repair of the fencing along the LVRT and any
11 leased lines;

12 (3) maintenance and repair of the complete drainage system for the
13 LVRT;

14 (4) any large-scale surface maintenance required due to dangerous
15 conditions along the LVRT or compromise of the rail bed of the LVRT, or
16 both;

17 (5) resolution of any unauthorized encroachments related to the rail bed,
18 but not the recreational use of the LVRT;

19 (6) any other maintenance obligations required of the Agency under a
20 memorandum of understanding entered into regarding the maintenance of the
21 LVRT; and

- 1 (7) all maintenance obligations of the Department of Forest, Parks and
2 Recreation related to the LVRT including:
- 3 (A) maintenance of trail surface, including the filling of minor holes;
4 (B) minor bridge maintenance that does not require the use of heavy
5 equipment; and
- 6 (C) routine brush cutting and tree removal.

7 * * * Effective Dates * * *

8 Sec. **18**. EFFECTIVE DATES

9 (a) Sec. **1a** (19 V.S.A. § 10g(p); Lamoille Valley Rail Trail maintenance)
10 shall take effect on July 1, 2021 and apply to Transportation Programs
11 commencing with Fiscal Year 2023.

12 (b) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2021.