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Senator Collins Office did speak with the Appropriations Committee staff in follow up to the discussion below. According to staff, a written report will be part of the six month report. FHWA has stated that the report will be approximately 3 weeks late, placing the delivery around July 7th.

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I just got off a conference call that Senator Collins' Office held with FHWA regarding the six-month report. Mary Dietrich, Senator Collins' Chief of Staff who spent 12 years crafting language for the Appropriations Committee, has interpreted the language in the original bill and manager's report in a way that will have a significant impact on the six-month report. In the six month language, the managers report directs the Secretary to "report to" the H & S Appropriation Committees. In the 2 -year Vermont report language, the Secretary "shall complete and submit to Congress a report". FHWA had interpreted these to both mean a hardcopy report. Mary has challenged them on that assumption and is pushing hard for them to stop the presses on the report and to provide an oral briefing only - which clearly appears to be the intent. FHWA stated that they needed to discuss this with their council and "political leadership". Mary is going to be discussing with the staff of both the Senate and House Appropriations Committees. Mary did suggest that they would like to change the language to include Maine in the two-year report that is currently intended for Vermont only.

What this means:

- The six month report may not see the light of day
- FHWA will likely report to the Senate and House Appropriations Committee sometime in mid-June
- We may be included in the two-year study with Vermont - we should discuss this further with Collins' staff before they push forward

More to follow,  
Gary

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