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Subject: FW: Route 236 Corridor Study

Hi Elizabeth,

At Joyce's request, I met with Joyce and Ed yesterday at MaineDOT regarding the analysis of traffic impacts from AET at York. Good meeting. We went over the 1-page summary of conclusions point by point. Here's what we discussed.

1. It does not look like it is necessary to any more intersection analysis to make conclusions relative to traffic impacts related to ORT vs. AET. Ed indicated that MaineDOT's previous Rt. 236 corridor study (attached) had already shown certain inland intersections were problematic, and that more traffic volume from AET diversion would obviously make them worse. He was curious as to how much worse, and that caused the request to you for more study. I said it doesn't make sense to study something that is not going to happen too much, and that your report already established AET would cause significant impacts, and perhaps we could just say the poor intersections will obviously get worse. I added a bullet point for this c(ii) as a place holder; the intersections mentioned came from our discussion yesterday. I think you know the 3 intersections at issue from your previous meeting.
2. Ed thought the "50% or more" traffic growth, although true, could be misinterpreted. I said we don't want to overstate and that the fact of significant impacts is obvious, so I suggested we use a range (x% to 50%). I will need you to provide x. Is it 10? 20?
3. Ed thought a revision to the off peak section re: extending "summer" traffic was advisable. I revised this in the attached – see d (iii). Since it is "softer" than the conclusions in your draft report, I assume that is fine.
4. Ed wanted to make sure we use the term "traffic volumes" instead of just "traffic". That sounded fine to me.

To reflect these thoughts and the discussions in our meeting, I revised the 1-page summary as a draft for review/revision. It is attached in both Track Changes and Clean formats. I also moved the emission bullet to the end, as it applies to both peak and off-peak.

Based upon our meeting, these changes will put MaineDOT and MTA on the same page on this. Although this is an MTA project and MaineDOT will not weigh in affirmatively, they were appreciative that they were consulted and that we worked together on this. (We actually used the state traffic model.) If asked to comment later, MaineDOT would confirm that this analysis was done in consultation with them and that they consider your report to be a reasonable engineering analysis of the traffic impacts that would occur from the estimated AET diversion levels.

To move on from here, I request four things from you.

1. Please review the Rt. 236 Corridor study and determine whether the placeholder bullet properly identifies the problematic inland intersections. Ed may be able to help truncate your review, as what we want to do in this bullet is reflect Ed's thoughts.
2. Further, please fill in the blank on the lower end of the range of traffic volume growth.
3. Please review your draft report and revise to reflect Ed's thoughts above if you think necessary. (There may not be any revisions.) Please resend the report with a new date.
4. Please review the 1-page summary attached and make any changes you think are necessary.

Please feel free to consult with Ralph or Ed as necessary. We are looking to file this permit within weeks, and we need a draft permit very soon, so please make this a priority. I know you have many, including some from us. 😊

Thanks, Bruce

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Bruce,

As requested, attached is a copy of the 2008 Route 236 Corridor Study. It contains information about the intersections of concern in the Route 236/Route 4 corridor. --- Ed

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