

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 16 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0016

Bruce A. Van Note

June 10, 2025

Subject: Slope Stabilization

WIN: 022841.00 Location: Caribou Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following questions have been received:

Question: Road Closure – Section 105, Note #1, states the following: "The Contractor shall be permitted a continuous 21-day road closure at the designated project site, scheduled exclusively during a period when the Caribou and Fort Fairfield school systems are not in session. The Contractor shall be responsible for the coordination of the road closure as specified in MaineDOT Standard Specifications, Section 104.4.10 Coordination of Road Closure/Bridge Closure/Bridge Width Restriction."

Based on past knowledge, Caribou School Department typically starts mid – August (Aug. 15), with Fort Fairfield starting the week before Labor Day.

Question: Will the closure be allowed if there is a passable path for school buses, while school is in session?

Response: Approval of this approach would likely be permissible; however, final authorization shall be granted through a traffic control submittal review process.

Question: Both schools also have summer school programs and summer lunch programs. Will these be considered "school in session"?

Response: No, the school summer lunch program is not considered school in session as it relates to this project.

Question: Does Maine DOT have data available for GPS survey and machine control models to be made?

Response: The department can provide survey and 2D data for an independent model to be created.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on June 11, 2025.

Sincerely,

George M. A. Macdougall P.E. Contracts & Specifications Engineer

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