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Secretary Ian A. Bowles
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Attn: MEPA Office
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
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MEPA

Re: EOEA #12902 – Fall River Executive Park SDEIR

Dear Secretary Bowles,

On behalf of the Fall River Redevelopment Authority (Proponent), VHB is pleased to submit this Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report (SDEIR) for the Route 24 Access Improvements/Fall River Executive Park (FREP) project in Fall River, Massachusetts. This SDEIR responds to the Secretary's Certificate on the DEIR dated July 15, 2005.

The conceptual Master Plan for the FREP includes a Corporate Campus comprised of 1.5 million square feet of office space in 11 three- and four-story buildings, and capacity for up to 1.5 million square feet of office space within another 11 buildings. The proposed development will include interior access roadways, parking, stormwater management facilities, landscaped areas and infrastructure to support the office uses.

The proposed Route 24 Access Improvements include a new interchange between existing Exits 8 and 9. As requested in the Secretary's Certificate, a preferred alternative for the interchange has been identified in consultation with the Massachusetts Highway Department. The preferred alternative (identified as Alternative 6A) includes a Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) with a loop ramp connection to South Main Street.

We expect you will publish notice of availability of the SDEIR for public review in the next edition of the Environmental Monitor on or about June 25, 2007. We also request that you add to the Special Procedures that you have established in your certificate on the ENF. Specifically, we request that you issue two certificates on this project: one for the land development Fall River Executive Park, and one for the Route 24 interchange. Further, the Proponent, in consultation with the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Highway Department, requests that the Massachusetts Highway Department be designated as the Proponent for the interchange in substitution for the Redevelopment Authority. As you are aware, since the inception of the project, new development such as the Stop and Shop Distribution Center and several proposed developments have or will have an impact on the Route 24 corridor. The interchange is an important project not just for Executive Park and the Bio-reserve, but also for these other projects. As such, it is appropriate to have the interests of these projects and the communities within which they are located incorporated into the interchange project design and implementation. Therefore, we believe MHD should become the Proponent and assume responsibility for the preparation of the FEIR for the interchange. Because the land development remains a Fall River responsibility, it is also appropriate for the City to remain the sole proponent of

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the Executive Park component. By the publication of this transmittal letter, and the circulation of this document to the MEPA list for this project, we are notifying interested parties of our request that you issue two certificates and that the Highway Department be designated as the Proponent for the interchange. We also will convene a public meeting during the Comment Period to discuss this and the other topics concerning the project.

Should you have any questions, require additional information, or additional copies please contact me at (617) 924-1770 or via email at hmuise@vhb.com

Very truly yours,

VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard Muise" followed by a stylized flourish.

Howard Muise
Senior Project Manager

Enclosure

cc: Distribution List (see Chapter 18)

