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June 21, 2024

Subject: Metacomet Redevelopment
500 Veterans Memorial Parkway
East Providence

Dear Mr. Bannon,

RIDOT has reviewed the Preliminary-Physical Alteration Permit for the proposed Metacomet Redevelopment. The submission only pertained to traffic impacts and their associated mitigation and did not address any other items typically included in a full Physical Alteration Permit Application (drainage, roadway profiles, etc). Our review was not coordinated with any other reviewing agency such as RIDEM, Scenic Roadway Board, etc, This letter is an assessment of Project's traffic impact statement.

As such, we provide the following comments:

- 1) We recognize that the Development Team is getting a roundabout designer to ensure the nuances of roundabouts are properly designed.
- 2) We also recognize that a detailed microsimulation of the roundabout will be conducted to ensure accurate representations of the traffic impacts.
- 3) We remain concerned about the location of the Lyon Avenue access being so close to the roundabout. This may need to be adjusted based on the results of the roundabout microsimulation referenced above.
- 4) We recommended the access to the south of the roundabout be a right in/right out. The Development Team feels the left turn in is necessary and safe. As part of the final Physical Alteration Permit, we will require the Development Team to perform a safety study one year after opening to assess if safety enhancements will be needed at the Developer's expense. With the left turn remaining, we highly recommend a left turn lane be established to remove the lefts from the flow of southbound traffic.
- 5) Please address any issues that the new traffic pattern may have with the Metacomet Executive Office Park just to the north of the roundabout.
- 6) The design of the roundabout shall not prohibit the expansion of the roundabout to accommodate the fourth leg which could be added by a developer on the opposite side of the road.

Since this was submitted as a preliminary PAPA, we believe the above comments are design level comments and can be accommodated within the design. As such, we agree with the concept of

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the proposed improvements from a traffic assessment point of view, and we will review the officially submitted PAPA to ensure it meets all RIDOT criteria.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Pristawa', written in a cursive style.

Steven Pristawa, P.E.
State Traffic Safety Engineer

Cc: Mayor Roberto DaSilva
Chief Christopher Francesconi (East Providence Police Department)
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