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SEQRA # 22-092 Underhill Farm
Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York
Colliers Engineering & Design Project No. 20006297A

Dear Mr. Brenner:

The following items are in response to comments contained in your email dated May 1, 2023. The items are numbered according to your review comments.

1. To determine the future cost of the signal the NYSDOT will like to see the cost estimate that your group came up with and compare to our Preliminary Cost Estimating Tool. This tool can be found in Chapter 21 of the HDM, under References. Chapter 21 (ny.gov) Training is also available. PCET Training - Signals - YouTube Additional the NYSDOT would like to know of the cost if the left turn lanes were built on Route 118.

Response: The turn lanes and traffic signal improvements are being advanced by the Applicant together with the Town. As per the agreement with the Town, the Applicant will be reimbursed for a portion of the cost that they will incur due to the financing and implementation of the intersection the improvements. This reimbursement will be in the form of a tax abatement once the work is completed. This agreement is being finalized with the Town Board.

Note, that the future left turn lanes on NYS Route 118 are not part of the currently proposed work for the Route 118/Underhill Avenue intersection. The estimated cost for the same will be included as a separate item in the final cost estimate to be submitted as part of the final Highway Work Permit submission.

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- 2. The proposed mitigation of the right turn lane off Route 118 and left turn lanes on Underhill Ave. have shown to improve level of service of the intersection. NYSDOT recommends this proposed mitigation to be completed before the full operation of Underhill Farms project. Additionally, the intersection needs to be built so that when a future left turn lanes are constructed on Route 118 that the poles can handle the new weight and do not need to be relocated.
  - Response: Comment noted. The construction of the separate right turn lane on NYS Route 118 southbound, left turn lanes on the Underhill Avenue approaches, and traffic signal and pedestrian improvements will be completed before full operation of the Underhill Farm development. The positioning of the signal poles and other details will take into account the potential future addition of the left turn lanes on NYS Route 118. The signal pole placement will be designed as part of the final design plans and will be designed to accommodate the additional loadings from any additional overhead signs and/or additional signal heads.
- 3. NYSDOT will need to see the written agreement between the Town and Underhill Farms for the cost sharing.
  - Response: A copy of the written agreement between the Town and Underhill Farm, once it is executed by the Town Board, will be provided to NYSDOT prior to the Highway Work Permit issuance.
- 4. Provided the NYSDOT truck turning movements at the intersection of Route 118/Underhill Ave. In particular show the typical deliver truck and fire truck for the site.
  - Response: The truck turning movements, including fire vehicles and delivery trucks, have been completed and are attached as Sheets TT-1 and TT-2. The final details and any adjustments will be included as part of the final construction drawings. Note that due to the location of the main fire station, it is likely that the responding vehicle to this site will likely occur as a through movement on the Underhill Avenue westbound approach across the intersection.
- 5. Regarding the trip generation, since the size of the quality restaurant is smaller than most study areas in the ITE we would like to see the trips based on the number of seats at the restaurant.
  - Response: Note that in the revised traffic study, at the suggestion of the Planning Board, a larger size restaurant (4,000 s.f.) was also evaluated and the trips can be accommodated by the proposed improvements (see Appendix I of the Revised Traffic Impact Study dated April 20, 2023).
- 6. To determine the max number of trips for the site the NYSDOT would prefer the use of peak hour traffic for the residential section of the study.
  - Response: The traffic analysis contained in the Traffic Impact Study is based on the higher peak hour of generator volumes for both the residential and commercial portions of the project as shown in Table 1A and described in Section III.B of the Traffic Impact Study.

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Response: Comment noted. The Right-of-Way maps have been reviewed and the NYS Route 118 frontage is "without access" for both vehicles and pedestrians.

At this time, detailed survey information is being compiled for the intersection and any additional design details will be incorporated as part of the Highway Work Permit more detailed design documents.

Sincerely,

Colliers Engineering & Design CT, P.C.

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## **Philip Grealy**

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Sent:

Monday, May 1, 2023 10:57 AM

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Philip Grealy; Darelius, Anne D (DOT); Gorney, Lance (DOT); Scott Le Vine

Subject:

RE: SEQR 22-092 - Underhill Farm

## This message originated from outside your organization

Richard,

NYSDOT has reviewed the updated TIS and Synchro models for the Underhill Farms project.

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Record Plans can be accessed at <a href="https://www.dot.ny.gov/main/recordplans">https://www.dot.ny.gov/main/recordplans</a> . There are several training videos to watch on how to navigate the site.

There is also a ROW Public Access site at <a href="https://www.dot.ny.gov/main/ROWAcquisitionMaps">https://www.dot.ny.gov/main/ROWAcquisitionMaps</a>. These are listed by County and SH #.

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