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Memorandum

To: Town of Southeast Planning Board
From: AKRF, Inc.
Date: February 13, 2020
Re: Northeast Interstate Logistics Center—FEIS Traffic Study Review
Cc: JMC

AKRF, Inc. has reviewed Sections II.C (“Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures-Traffic”) and III.C.4 (“Response to Comments-Traffic”) of the FEIS for the proposed Northeast Interstate Logistics Center project revised January, 2020 prepared by JMC, as well as the accompanying traffic data technical appendix revised January, 2020. This review was conducted to determine if all outstanding comments from AKRF’s December 5, 2019 review memorandum have been adequately addressed.

AKRF’s findings and recommendations, based on our review of the above materials, are presented below.

PATTERSON/SOUTHEAST TOWN LINE

1. Representatives from the Town of Southeast met with representatives from the Town of Patterson on February 13, 2020 regarding the closing of Fields Corner Road at the town line. The result of this discussion was to require the installation of a gate that would be monitored and remain open, as requested by the Putnam County Sheriff in his letter dated April 4, 2019. The monitoring of the gate will be a condition of the Traffic Management Plan (TMP). Should the levels of traffic exceed those predicted in the traffic impact analysis, the gate would be closed.

FEIS COMPLETENESS COMMENTS

Most of AKRF’s previous comments have been addressed in the January 2020 FEIS. Listed below are comment items from AKRF’s December 5, 2019 memorandum, that have not been addressed, either partially or completely, in the most recent submission. Also included are any new comments based on our review of this submission.

2. As requested in AKRF’s previous review memo, the FEIS now includes bullet points which identify the impacts (as presented on pages III.4-26 through III.4-30 of the FEIS). However, a subsequent section that describes and lists how each individual impact would be mitigated and the resulting mitigated LOS/queue should also be included. While the FEIS does include a section which describes general improvements and improvement results (as presented on pages III.4-21 through III.4-25 of the FEIS) the listed improvements are not all directly correlated to specific impacts. A section of impact-specific mitigation measures that correspond to each impact, preferably in bullet form, should be

provided. This will ensure that all impacts and associated mitigation measures are presented in a clear concise manner to the reader and will allow the reader to see in one place each impact, the proposed measure to mitigate the impact, and the resulting improved LOS/queue with the proposed mitigation measure in place.

3. The FEIS has not been revised to expand the discussion on accidents and potential safety improvements for each of the identified High Accident Locations (HAL) locations individually. Individual discussions should be provided for (1) the intersection of Route 6 and Route 312, (2) the Route 312 corridor between Route 6 and Prospect Hill Road, (3) the intersection of Route 312 and the I-84 Eastbound Ramps/Independent Way, and (4) the intersection of Route 312 and the I-84 Westbound Ramps.
4. The list of components of the anticipated TMP presented on pages II-17 through II-18 of the FEIS only lists 7 items and should be updated to include the 8 items listed on pages III.4-12 through III.4-13. In addition, the following should be added to the list of TMP items:
 - The operator of the facility shall have an agreement in place with all the trucking companies that requires the use of approved routes to and from the facility. Trucks shall not use local roads, and shall face fines or suspension of business with the facility if found not in compliance.
 - The TMP should be revised to read as follows:

Fields Corner Road would remain a seasonal road that is closed north of the current Barrett Road intersection during the winter. The Applicant shall install height clearance bars and a gate. The Applicant shall install video cameras to monitor truck traffic along Fields Corner Road, as well as signs indicating the prohibition of commercial trucks and the progressive fines currently established by the Town for restricted road use violations. The Applicant shall record the video information on a 24 hour loop and the video monitoring would be provided to the Town and/or the Putnam County Sheriff's Department if requested to determine whether tickets should be issued. Should it be found that the traffic levels on Fields Corner Road exceed those predicted under the traffic impact study, the gate shall be closed except for use by emergency service personnel.
5. The above revisions should be carried through the FEIS as applicable.
6. The minutes from the meeting with NYSDOT on January 7, 2020 should be included in the appendices.