

June 22, 2022

Ref: 12815.08

Mr. Dennis Audette, Chairman **New Bedford Conservation Commission** 133 William Street, Room 304 New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: DEP File No. SE 049-0777 Request for Minor Modification to Notice of Intent: South Coast Rail – Wamsutta Layover Facility NOI New Bedford, Massachusetts

Dear Chairman Audette,

On behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, VHB respectfully submits in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act Form 5 Section C General Condition 14 of the Order of Conditions issued on August 24, 2018 (and extended on December 3, 2020), the enclosed revised plans for the Wamsutta Street portion of the proposed South Coast Rail Project Wamsutta Layover Facility (LOF) in New Bedford (DEP File No. SE 049-0777). The plans show a revised design for the stormwater conveyance within Wamsutta Street and the proposed discharge to the existing drainage swale located to the south of the roadway (refer to Sheets UT-302 and CV-342).

The proposed design change reduces the amount of relocation and reconstruction required to a 16" water main within Wamsutta Street that serves potable water and fire suppression to the adjacent buildings. The revised design proposes addition of a drainage culvert to be constructed outside of the curb line on the south side of Wamsutta Street, which avoids the need to replace a portion of the existing water main and reduces impacts to the existing 24" drainage pipe. The drainage culvert would be a 2'x5' box culvert that discharges to the existing drainage swale immediately adjacent to the discharge location for the existing 24" drain line. The size of the proposed riprap splash pad at the outlet point has been increased to account for the second outlet. However, the new conveyance would not increase the volume of stormwater discharge from the LOF site. In addition to minimizing impact to the existing water main and reducing the extent of water main reconstruction within the 100' wetland buffer zone, the construction of the new conveyance as proposed would simplify construction staging, since it would not be within the footprint of the existing drainage pipe.

The proposed design change results in a minor increase in the amount of work within the 100' wetland buffer zone to the drainage swale for construction of a slightly larger rip rap splash pad at the outlet. The Mr. Dennis Audette Ref: 12815.08 June 22, 2022 Page 2



revised proposed work will not result in any additional impacts to jurisdictional resources as compared to the original design.

The proposed design has been reviewed and approved by the New Bedford Department of Public Infrastructure (DPI). We understand that DPI is in favor of the change due to a reduction in the volume of flow directed to the existing 24" drain line, which is known to surcharge during some storm events.

MassDOT respectfully requests that the commission accept the revised drawings, with a determination that the changes are not significant enough to require the filing of a new Notice of Intent. We look forward to meeting with the Commission to review the revised plans at the hearing scheduled for July 5, 2022. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me via email at <a href="mailto:lcarlson@vhb.com">lcarlson@vhb.com</a> or by phone at (617) 607-6237.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Sheet CV-342- New Bedford Main Line Wamsutta Layover Yard, Grading and Drainage

Plan 2, Rev. 6/1/22.

Sheet UT-302 - New Bedford Main Line Wamsutta Layover Yard, Utilities Plan 2, Rev.

6/1/22.

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