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### CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

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June 30, 2022

Chairman Dennis Audette  
City of New Bedford Conservation Commission  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Attention: Mr. Chancery Perks, Conservation Agent

Subject: South Coast Rail  
Wamsutta Street Utility and Roadway Improvements  
Department of Public Infrastructure Review Comments

Dear Chairman Audette:

At the request of Mr. Chancery Perks, Conservation Agent for the City of New Bedford (City), the Department of Public Infrastructure (DPI) has reviewed the June 22, 2022 submittal from VHB, Inc. (VHB) for modifications to the proposed utilities in Wamsutta Street. This work is associated with the South Coast Rail project and layover facility at the New Bedford railyard.

Following several conference calls with VHB, the DPI agrees with the proposed utility modifications including but not limited to the relocation of the drainage culvert to the southerly side of Wamsutta Street and the relocation of the existing 16-in transmission main. Based on our review, capacity will be maintained within the drainage infrastructure to accommodate future flows from proposed improvements along RT 18 to address flooding that occurs under the railroad bridge.

Should you have any questions regarding the DPI comments, please contact me at (508) 979-1550.

Sincerely,

Shawn T. Syde, P.E.  
City Engineer

Cc: Justin Chicca, Deputy Commissioner  
Stephanie Crampton, Assistant City Engineer.  
Michele Paul, Director of Resiliency and Environmental Stewardship  
Kenneth Caputo, VHB