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**Subject: Request for Information
NJ Turnpike Authority Interchange 6-9 Widening Program
RV&A File # 0304T051**

Dear Mr. Keller:

In order for the Township to evaluate the proposed impact of this project on the community, our office recommends that the following investigations/studies be performed/provided to ensure that the proposed turnpike widening has limited adverse effects on the Bordentown Township community. In addition, our office would like reassurances that context sensitive design standards as used in any New Jersey Department of Transportation project were utilized for this project.

Traffic Impact Study

- Additional traffic info on Bordentown Township's roadways (primary and secondary)
- Impact to existing and proposed on/off-ramps to the turnpike
- Effects on traffic signalization
- How many over weight vehicles can be expected on turnpike and municipal roadways

Community Impact Statement

- Effect of turnpike widening on property values
- Proposed noise increases and location of sound barriers – Actual Sound Studies on both sides of the highway
- Vibration impact on housing
- Effects on surrounding land uses, such as farming, open space & residential
 - Old York Business Park
 - Williamsburg development's recreation
 - Clifton Mills subdivision
- Loss of open space
- Increase visibility and loss of views
- Impact on light and shade (conduct a shade impact analysis)
- Sound barrier for Holloway Meadows community
- Consideration of sub-grade/underpass construction to minimize noise

Landscaping

- Plans for landscape buffering
- Reforestation plans

Grading

- Necessary testing for imported fill material
- Wetlands mitigation (purchase of additional lands) and LOI
- Stormwater management & BMPs
- Soil erosion plan review
- Identification of floodplain crossings
- Impacts of grading on Bordentown Township

Utilities

- Required utility relocations and impact of relocations on community, including property values

Environmental Impacts

- Potential Special Status Species
- Bald Eagle Habitat
- Wetlands
- Habitat Impact and Reforestation

In order to appropriately evaluate the impact on the community and for our office to appropriately advise Bordentown Township, the most recent and up to date plan sets should be provided.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We look forward to working with the New Jersey Turnpike Authority to minimize adverse impacts of the residents and businesses of Bordentown Township.

Sincerely,

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