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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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MEMORANDUM TO:

Bill'Gilmore, P.E. Manager

Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch

FROM:

Charles Bruton, Ph. D., Manager

The Office of the Natural Environment - PDE.

SUBJECT:

Service Roads and Plan Changes

This past week, I held a bi-monthly staff meeting with our Unit Heads and other select staff. As part of the meeting agenda, the group discussed the memo dated April 10, 2002 from Mr. Len Hill outlining an action plan when dealing with service roads and plan changes.

In discussing this action plan, our staff agreed with the three bullets presented in the memo. However, the staff feels that justification for any late design change that impact permitted areas as the project transitions into the right of way acquisition phase should be extraordinary. There is concern that a service road at this stage could be detrimental to the overall project by kicking a standard Nationwide Permit into an Individual Permit. Another example could be a situation where impacts are increased to the point that an endangered species issue arises and has to be elevated to a formal consultation process. It is imperative that our highway planners and designers maintain close coordination with the TIP Management Team so that arbitrary decisions are not made that could delay schedules.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and provide our input. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Len Hill, P.E. Cc: Debbie Barbour, P.E. Meeting minutes

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We need to determine Service Road locations if at all possible by Concurrence Point 2A on at least Shortly after Eight of way Acquisition begins. as charles Butur has noted, I causes a problem when service pado are added that affect the environment. Before you add a service road that affects add'I short sens romandal resources, Debbie Barbources it is absolutely necessary

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