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Dear Route 15 Stakeholders,

Please find my recent correspondence regarding our meeting with Ian Lockwood. Our offer stands to receive any recommendations from Mr. Lockwood relating to the southern section of the corridor as soon as possible but no later than the end of August. I have also offered an additional meeting with staff to review and discuss these recommendations for the project but I will not delay the project based on additional work required by Mr. Lockwood's firm.

Best Regards,

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Subject: RE: Route 15 - Ian Lockwood

Hello Stewart, Martha, Gem and Bill,

Thank you for your e-mail. As you know, we met with Mr. Lockwood for almost three hours on June 22, 2018 in order to receive information and background on his thoughts and views for improvements for Route 15.

We were happy to set this meeting and bring in staff from Loudoun's Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure and the project consultants from Kimley-Horn to receive this presentation. As I recall, the major focus of Mr. Lockwood's paradigm was a Route 50 approach to implement traffic calming, which would then alleviate traffic because cars would go elsewhere to avoid the traffic calming measures.

We also reviewed a lengthy power point presentation which included information on the Route 50 project, various bike/ped projects Mr. Lockwood has worked on in different cities, traffic calming measures for Route 15 and other concepts. We have requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation but have not yet received one. We would appreciate receiving a copy of the presentation as soon as possible.

By way of background, the Route 15 improvement project encompasses the entire corridor of Route 15 from Leesburg north to the Point of Rocks Bridge for the purpose of providing congestion relief and safety improvements to the corridor. The project is divided into two distinct sections.

The southern section includes Route 15 from north of Leesburg to north of the White's Ferry intersection. Traffic analysis, data and concepts for this section are included in the "**Congestion Report.**" The northern section of the project runs from north of the White's Ferry intersection up to the Virginia side of the Point of Rocks Bridge. Traffic analysis, data and concepts for this section are included in the "**Safety and Operational Study.**"

As I'm sure you are aware we, have been conducting extensive public outreach, analysis and concept design for the project through the stakeholder group for over a year that included six stakeholder meetings, five public input sessions with more to come this fall.

We expect to have the concepts for the southern section of the corridor presented to the Board of Supervisors in the near future. The concepts for the northern part of the corridor will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in late fall/early winter. The project will then move into the design phase at the beginning of next year.

As I have mentioned previously, we would be happy to review Mr. Lockwood's recommendations. Given the timeframe for the project we requested that you please forward your Route 15 recommendations as soon as possible but no later than the end of August and that we would be happy to set an additional meeting with staff to review and discuss your recommendations for the project.

You have stated that there is too little time prior to the end of August to properly and fully develop a comprehensive alternative for the full corridor and that the proposal you have received from Ian Lockwood and the team at Toole Design Associates would require about 13 weeks to complete.

While I can appreciate your request for additional time, as I made clear at our meeting, we are not going to delay this project and that any recommendations would have to be within the project schedule and process already established and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

I would note that the Catoctin Coalition has been at the table for the Route 15 project for over a year since the beginning of the stakeholder group and has been well aware of the project's schedule. Even before the stakeholder group was formed my office has been meeting with the Coalition on this project since December 2015.

There has been ample time for the Coalition to have presented recommendations for the project. Asking for a project delay at this point in time is not appropriate. I have made it clear that I am open to reviewing any recommendations but I will not delay the project based on additional work required by Mr. Lockwood's firm. There has been sufficient time for these ideas to have come forward in the past year.

Because the Congestion report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the near future, we once again reiterate the offer to receive any recommendations relating to the **southern section** of the corridor as soon as possible but no later than the end of August. Again, we would be happy to set an additional meeting with staff to review and discuss your recommendations for the project. In the meantime, we would also appreciate receiving a copy of the June 22 presentation.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Geary Higgins

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Subject: Re: Route 15 - Ian Lockwood

Supervisor Higgins:

On behalf of our partners at PEC, JTHG, SELC and the Catoctin Coalition, I am following up regarding the development of a traffic calming alternative for the Route 15 corridor north of Leesburg. We thank you again for the opportunity to work with you and the staff on this alternative, because we are convinced it offers the safest, most effective, and most sustainable alternative for the corridor and will enhance the county's economic competitiveness.

Unfortunately, there is too little time prior to the end of August to properly and fully develop a comprehensive alternative for the full corridor. The proposal we have received from Ian Lockwood and the team at Toole Design Associates would require about 13 weeks to complete. Ian has delineated that the best way to achieve community goals in terms of safety, traffic flow, minimizing induced demand, and preserving the economic value of the scenic and historic corridor is to plan the full corridor from the area near the schools and the merge of the bypass and business 15 north to Point of Rocks.

To be clear, we are already working with Ian on a roundabout design for White's Ferry and other design concepts for the area within the county's phase to Montresor Road. But, given the amount of design time built into the county's project phase to Montresor Road, we are hoping that you can permit us the time to work with you and the community on the full corridor approach.

We believe that a full traffic calming alternative and design work can be completed expeditiously and with fewer right of way impacts and less impact on the karst geology, it can could also be completed at far less near-term and long-term cost and delay, freeing local, regional and state funds for other important needs in Loudoun County while meeting the needs of residents to have the safety and congestion problems solved expeditiously.

Given the importance of Route 15 as a state highway and the goal within SmartScale to look for less costly approaches to transportation problems given finite resources, we are also seeking state help for this project.

We would be pleased to talk further about this and hope that you will allow the time necessary to ensure the broadest community support for a lasting solution.

Thank you,

Stewart

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On Mon, Jul 16, 2018 at 2:24 PM, Stewart Schwartz <stewart@smartergrowth.net> wrote:
Thank you Supervisor Higgins for the meeting and the opportunity to work with you and the staff and consultants.

We have followed up with Ian Lockwood and his firm, and hope to begin shortly. I'll be the point of contact for our coalition of groups for this project and would like to be in frequent contact with the county transportation staff over the coming weeks as part of discussions between Ian and the staff.

Thank you all,

Stewart

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On Sun, Jul 15, 2018 at 2:50 PM, Higgins, Geary <Geary.Higgins@loudoun.gov> wrote:
Dear Gem, Stewart, and Bill,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with Mr. Lockwood and yourselves on June 22. We covered a lot of ground during our three hour meeting so I wanted to make sure we followed-up with next steps.

If you would please forward your Route 15 recommendations as soon as possible but no later than the end of August, we would be happy to set an additional meeting with staff to review and discuss your recommendations for the project. In the meantime, we would also appreciate receiving a copy of the June 22 presentation.

Best Regards,

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