APPENDIX F
NYSDOT CORRESPONDENCE

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Subject: RE: SCWA NYSDOT Meeting - North Fork Water Main Extension Project

Good afternoon Mr. Warner,

NYSDOT acknowledges receipt of the below email and that the meeting summary for this morning's meeting is accurate. Written justification for an open trench installation, as opposed to a trenchless installation attached to the email will be reviewed.

In addition, our resurfacing project on NYS Route 25 between County Route 58 and Tuckers Lane is currently scheduled to let in September 2028.

Thanks,
Olu.

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Olu,

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with us today. As we mentioned on the call, below is a summary of our meeting. I have also attached a letter indicating our justification for utilizing open trench methods, along with a copy of our plans. If you could acknowledge receipt of this email and that the meeting summary is accurate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Note: Plans attached to this email are those included in Appendix C-1 and Appendix C-2 of this Final EIS.

SCWA DOT meeting (North Fork Water Main Extension Project)

Open Cut vs. Trenchless Installation

- DOT's current position: trenchless (HDD) is the default; open cut requires written justification
    - Not a blanket refusal: case-by-case review once justification is submitted
    - Multiple DOT groups must review, not just permitting
- Justification criteria for open cut approval:
    - Trenchless method is infeasible, or
    - Open cut results in less traffic impact and better long-term pavement performance
- Key concern: open cut compromises pavement integrity, especially on concrete
    - Longer intact concrete = longer pavement lifespan

    - Resurfacing and open cut are distinct: resurfacing smooths surface, open cut can degrade the structural integrity of the roadway
- Proposed installation is largely within the shoulder of Main Road
    - If the shoulder is asphalt, the overall impact would be lower
    - A few crossing points may still require HDD; team deferred to DOT on those

Precedent and Justification Strategy

- Prior project cited: Water main replacement on Main Road near Port of Egypt (Laurel Lane east)
    - Used open trench and repaved to centerline; proposed as a model for justification
- Outstanding comment in SEQR record states: "provide justification why trenchless methods are not feasible"
    - Plans have been submitted but the formal response to this comment has not yet been sent

- Team to submit justification letter with plans attached, referencing the Main Road precedent

SEQR Process and Permitting Timeline

- Environmental review targeted for completion by end of 2026
- Permitting follows environmental review and will take additional months
- Construction timing will depend on permitting completion and seasonal constraints
    - Team has committed to avoiding certain seasons to minimize traffic impact
- DOT asked to be notified once plans are finalized so permit application can move forward promptly

Main Road Resurfacing Coordination

- DOT has Main Road resurfacing in capital budget for 2028 (subject to funding availability)
- Strong preference to complete utility installation before DOT repaves

    - Avoids two paving cycles for residents
    - If open cut is done after repaving, full curb-to-curb restoration would be required
- DOT will confirm whether the 2028 project is still on track and coordinate timing accordingly

Next Steps

- **SCWA to Send DOT a meeting summary email with justification and plans attached**
  Include Route 130 precedent and a paragraph of justification; Brendan to review before sending.
- **DOT to reply confirming the meeting summary is accurate**
  Acknowledgement that open trench justification will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis as part of permitting; no determination needed today.

- **DOT to confirm status of 2028 Main Road resurfacing project**
  Team needs to know if it is on track to set an outside window for completing the Main Road installation.

Regards

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Good afternoon Brendan,

We will review our available times and get back to you on Monday.

Thanks,
Olu.

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Amy,

SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

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October 28, 2026

Dear Mr. Fajolu,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss the proposed North Fork Water Main project with us today. As requested, below is a list of reasons as to why we are requesting to install the water main through open trench methods. As we mentioned on the call, we have successfully utilized open-cut installation on NYSDOT roads including on Main Road in Southold.

Justification for Open Trench Installation

1) Proposed route is mainly within the paved shoulder, which will limit any disturbance to concrete panels.

2) If HDD were used, each utility crossing (gas service, water service. drainage etc.) will have to be opened to ensure the drill is not in conflict. This will create patches at every utility crossing that will require restoration throughout the length of the shoulder. It limits any real benefit to HDD as final restoration will be similar.

3) The open trench method will require a smaller detour area that proceeds down the route on a daily basis. Given that the size of the drill is 24”, this will require several pre-reaming operations which will extend the duration of each segment. This will create longer traffic impacts as the construction duration will increase.

4) The workzone will be significantly longer during HDD operations compared to open trenching as the workzone will have to account for the distance between the drill and receiving pits plus staging area on either end to stage and receive the drill pipe.

5) Given the size of the pipe, the water main will have to go below any utility conflicts, as going above will not provide ample coverage. If it were directionally drilled, the depth would necessitate large drill pits throughout the length of the project.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at 631-563-0239 or by email at Brendan.warner@scwa.com.

Sincerely,



Brendan J. Warner, P.E.
Director of Construction Maintenance

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