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Subject: conversation with Dave Bernhardt and Ken Sweeney

Larry,
Here is a review of my Thursday meeting. Sorry for the delay but I've been extremely busy.

The first question I asked was about the rolling design and whether it was in the DEIS. I showed them the memo written by Ken. Ken remembered it very well.
Ken said it was in the appendix of the DEIS. We talked a little about the rolling design. They explained that Route 9 was rebuilt with the rolling design method – that's why it is so curvy.

I asked about the cable dividers – they are still going to be included – and, yes, no passing. That was a question that had been raised previously.

I brought up the issue of reducing the right of way from 200 ft. to 100 ft. and the concerns that neighbors had with walking out their door and being so close to the fast-moving traffic. It took awhile for me to get this point across, but finally I did. They both explained that, even though the ROW is being reduced to 100 ft., they will enter into conversations with all affected landowners. There will be individual conversations because everyone will have different views/concerns about this situation. Some will be pleased to have their property not disturbed and others will want to leave the area because of the close proximity to the road. Each situation will be dealt with on an individual basis. So, if/when they get to that point in the process, individual landowners just need to make their desires very clear.

I raised the points about Mark Hasselmann writing comments as an "anonymous" poster on the NEPA forum. Commissioner Dave Bernhardt was unaware of this forum and was quite surprised to learn that this went on. Ken Sweeney was well aware of it and knew about the entire issue. They both weren't troubled by his dissenting remarks because they said that his superior at FHWA had overruled him. Also, they added if this project ever goes to a Record of Decision, all of the agencies will have to comment again. So, if there are any concerns at all, they can be addressed once again at that point.

He has no idea if there will be funding for this project. The Record of Decision is at least a year away, if not longer.

I raised all the questions, but they had answers to all of them. I hope this is somewhat helpful to you.

Best,
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