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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner DPW
CC: William Anslow
FROM: Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner
DATE: October 7, 2019
RE: SEQR Compliance
SUBJECT: Watervliet-Shaker Road Realignment - New Karner Rd. to Sand Creek Rd.

I have reviewed the documentation provided for the above referenced project as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). This project is Phase 3 of the Watervliet-Shaker Road (WSR) Realignment Project which includes design and construction of WSR between New Karner Rd. and Sand Creek Rd. The project includes reconstruction and widening of approximately 0.75 miles of WSR which could include the addition of a center turn lane or two additional lanes, a new traffic signal at the intersection of New Karner Rd. and WSR, drainage improvements and new pavement.

As described above, the planning, design, and engineering phase of the project has been determined to be a Type II action under SEQR (c)(24)(27). Accordingly, this action has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment, and as such, no procedural compliance beyond this determination is required at this time.

The construction phase of the project has been determined to be a Type I Action under SEQRA 617.4 (b)(9). As such, the county must take steps to establish lead agency status, coordinate a review with involved agencies, prepare a determination of significance, and comply with all necessary notifications consistent with review as a Type I action. DPW will include the necessary SEQR review in the scope of planning phase.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call me at your convenience.