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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner of Public Works
CC: William Anslow, Engineering
FROM: Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner
DATE: October 14, 2020
RE: CR157 (New Karner Rd.) Highway Improvement Project
SUBJECT: SEQR compliance for DPW Projects 2021

I have reviewed the documentation provided for the referenced project and consulted with Albany County Department of Public Works as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). This highway improvement project includes repaving, refurbishing of water quality practices, drainage work and installation of sidewalks in certain portions of County Route 157.

As described above, this project meets the criteria established for SEQR Type I actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.4(c)(10). The project is partially contiguous to the Albany Pine Bush Preserve, which is listed on the Register of National Natural Landmarks and is expected to include "physical alteration", as defined in section 617.2, of more than 2.5 acres. Accordingly, all forms and procedures consistent with review of a Type I action under SEQRA must be completed prior to commencement of this project. It is recommended that this review is undertaken as early as possible in the planning process so as not to delay the project.

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