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Daniel Martonis, Director
Cattaraugus County Real Property Services
303 Court Street
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**RE: US ROUTE 219
NY ROUTE 39 TO NY ROUTE 17
ERIE AND CATTARAUGUS COUNTIES PIN
5101.84**

Dear Mr. Martonis:

The New York State Department of Transportation (Department) has been approached by a Cattaraugus County property owner regarding the information displayed on the Cattaraugus County Real Property website regarding the Department's US Route 219 extension project. The property owner is concerned about the validity/accuracy of the detailed information displayed on the website. He is also concerned about the impact that this information may have on property values and/or the development potential of properties along this corridor. In light of this inquiry, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the status of this project.

The Department has suspended work on the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the subject project until further notice. This decision was based on the current fiscal situation the State of New York is facing. As the fiscal situation improves and funding becomes available, the Department will evaluate this project against other competing projects and may restart work on this SEIS at that time. As a part of the SEIS development, all alternatives (Freeway, Upgrade and No-build) will be re-evaluated and considered. It is also possible that new freeway alignments may be investigated; resulting in different property acquisition from what is published in the 2003 FEIS and currently shown on the Cattaraugus County Real Property Services website. Based on the wide range of alternatives to be considered, the outcome of the SEIS could result in the selection of a preferred alternative that is different from the 2003 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Preferred Alternative; however, we are not able to predict what the conclusion of the SEIS will be.

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Please feel free to use the above information as you deem necessary to update your website. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me, or Frank Billittier, Assistant Regional Design Engineer, at (716) 847-3214.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Darrell Kaminski

Darrell F. Kaminski, P.E.
Regional Design Engineer

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cc: Frank H. Billittier, P.E., Assistant Regional Design Engineer