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RE: I-95 Express Toll Lanes (ETL) Northbound Extension Phase II  
MDTA Tracking #s KH-3019, KH-3020, KH-3021, KH-3022,  
KH-3023, KH-3027, KH-3029  
Harford County, MD  
Joint Permit Application - MDE AI# 160464

Dear Ms. Vettel:

The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) is pleased to submit this Joint Federal/State Application for the Alteration of Any Floodplain, Waterway, Tidal or Non-Tidal Wetland in Maryland with supporting documents for Phase II of the I-95 Express Toll Lanes (ETL) Northbound Extension Project in Harford County, Maryland. This application is submitted pursuant to the requirement of the Code of Maryland Regulations, Sections 26.17 and 26.23, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Phase I of the ETL Project (AI# 160464) has already been authorized and has independent utility from Phase II; therefore, MDTA is seeking a new permit and AI# for Phase II. Per the Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) request, MDTA is continuing to use the Phase I AI# until a new one has been issued. One (1) original and six (6) copies of the application package are enclosed for review and processing of this permit.

This phase consists of roadway improvements along I-95 from north of Old Joppa Road to Bynum Run, as well as installation of fiber optic lines and traffic cameras as part of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) along I-95 from East Joppa Road to MD 543 and along MD 24 and MD 152. These improvements will be divided into multiple contracts to be constructed between 2020 and 2026.

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The construction contracts will consist of the following:

- KH-3019: MD 152 Interchange / I-95 NB ETL Two-Lane Extension / MD 152 Noise Wall;
- KH-3020: I-95 NB ETL Extension to Bynum Run / Noise Wall on NB I-95 North of Abingdon Road;
- KH-3021: MD 24 Interchange / Two-Lane ETL Extension / Winters Run Bridge;
- KH-3022: Clayton Road Overpass Reconstruction;
- KH-3023: MD 24/MD 924 Park & Ride;
- KH-3027: MD 152 Park and Ride Facility Relocation;
- KH-3029: Abingdon Road Overpass;
- KH-XXXX: Noise Wall on SB I-95 South of Calvary Road;
- KH-XXXX: Noise Wall on SB I-95 at MD 24/Woodsdale;
- ITS and sign installation; and
- Environmental mitigation.

This project will result in unavoidable permanent impacts to non-tidal streams, non-tidal wetlands, and associated wetland buffers, as well as the 100-year floodplain. The limits of disturbance (LOD) and impacts are conservative (i.e., all impacts are classified as permanent at this time), due to the early stage of design. As design continues, impacts will be minimized to the greatest extent possible, while still fulfilling the project purpose and need.

Pre-application meetings were held with the MDE and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) representatives on March 11 and March 18, 2019. The purpose of the pre-application meetings was to familiarize the permitting agencies with the project, and to help streamline the permitting process.

The following information is included in the application package to facilitate authorization:

- Joint Permit Application
- Vicinity Maps
- Impact Summary Tables
- 8 ½" x 11" Impact Plates
- Avoidance and Minimization of Impacts
- Compensatory Mitigation Plan
- Adjacent Property Owner Lists and Maps
- Agency Correspondence
- Wetland Delineation Reports (including Pre-Application Meeting Minutes)

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Please note that additional information will be forthcoming to augment the application and Compensatory Mitigation Plan (Appendices C, D, E, and F), including wetland delineations, concept designs, and impact plates for off-site mitigation properties at Piney Run, the Eccleston Site, and Lilly Run, and wetland delineations and impact plates for ITS and sign installations. It is anticipated that this information will be provided in June along with responses to any 45-day comments received from MDE and USACE. If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact me directly at wpines@mdta.state.md.us or (410) 456-8045.

Sincerely,



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