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Mr. Duarte Andrade
Acting City Engineer
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
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Re: Route 6
Dartmouth, New Bedford

Dear Mr. Andrade

On behalf of our client, Shaw's Supermarket, Inc., Vanasse & Associates, Inc. (VAI) is writing to describe the MassHighway request for the traffic signal at Route 6 and Route 140 to be coordinated with the proposed traffic signal at the Shaw's entrance in Dartmouth. A tri-party agreement has been submitted to your office as required by MassHighway. Signing this agreement will give MassHighway operational control of the coordinated traffic signals on Route 6 in New Bedford. Ownership, maintenance and electricity will remain with the city.

VAI has submitted design plans to MassHighway for the Shaw's driveway. The plans propose a background cycle matching the existing timing at the Route 140 ramp in New Bedford. Any timing changes that may be desired by the city must be approved by MassHighway before implementation, if the agreement is executed by the city. VAI is positioned to assist the city with timing adjustments with or without the agreements in place. Coordination of the corridor signals may enhance traffic flow on Route 6 without regard to the side streets.

We trust this information will assist you with your decision on this matter.

If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

VANASSE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Fred L. Douglas, P.E.
Associate

cc: ✓ K. Blanchard – City of New Bedford
C. Heath – Shaw's Supermarket
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