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**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



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## Meeting Minutes – Initial Meeting with Casella, CMA Engineers, T. Y. Lin International

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**Location:** NHDOT District 1 Office, 641 Main Street, Lancaster, NH 03584

**Date:** January 29, 2020

**Time:** 10:00am

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### Attendance

Alex Thompson, PE – NHDOT District 1  
Paul Regis, CEII – NHDOT District 1  
Sabrina Ayrton, CEI – NHDOT District 1  
John Gay, Engineer – Casella Waste Systems  
Robert Grillo, PE – CMA Engineers, INC.  
Thomas Errico, PE – T. Y. Lin International

### Discussion

1. John – Casella is facing capacity in the coming years at the existing landfill on Trudeau Rd in Bethlehem. Casella is exploring potential sites for a new landfill, and is looking to begin acquiring all necessary permits, including an approved NHDOT Driveway Permit. The proposed access location is an existing driveway on the north side of NH-116 in Bethlehem, NH, approximately 1.96 miles east of the Littleton town line.
2. Robert – The access has a previous approved permit, what is needed for a new permit.
3. Alex – NHDOT Driveway Permit 01-047-4683P, issued on November 13, 2009 to Douglas Ingerson of Dalton Valley Drag Strip approves the access be used for “a paved access to be used as a Drag Strip drive.” Due to the change of use, Casella will need to apply for a new driveway permit for this location.
4. Paul – What was the thought process behind the chosen trucking route of taking US-3 to Whitefield then NH-116 to the site? Have alternative routes been considered?
5. John – Casella wants to avoid conflict with residents and businesses in downtown Littleton that may be caused by trash trucks driving through central Littleton. Casella would be open to suggestions of alternative routes.
6. Paul – Other routes to consider may include I-93 NB exit 42 to keep trucks on the Interstate as long as possible. Exit 41 causes concern due to turn at the Littleton Opera House. There is also concern with the hill entering town on US-3 just south of Whitefield.

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7. Alex – Recommends multiple route be investigated at scoping meeting in Concord.
8. Paul – Another concern is the enforcement of trucks using the designated trucking route. What is to stop them from taking an alternate route?
9. John – Assures that Casella is strict with their trucks and communicates with trucks when an incorrect route is taken.
10. Paul – Brings up the concern of the necessity of a staging area for the trucks. A current problem occurring at the Bethlehem facility is that trucks arrive before the gate is opened, they are parking along Trudeau Road and on pull offs along US-3.
11. Robert – There will be a mile of driveway between the scale and NH-116 which is proposed to be used as staging.
12. Thomas – Asks what will be required as far as new turning lanes, acceleration and deceleration lanes.
13. Alex – To be determined at scoping meeting. NHDOT concerns is increased truck traffic as well as knowledge of frequent accidents occurring on NH-116 between Whitefield and Littleton, including recent fatal accidents.
14. John – Estimated truck traffic is expected to be approximately 100 WB-67 vehicles per day, not including, local contractor, traffic smaller vehicles and passenger vehicles. This excludes Chick's operations.
15. Alex – Is there any foreseen increase in incoming trash coming from the east or west that will make the proposed trucking route insufficient?
16. John – Perhaps in the future.
17. Alex – Reviews what's involved in creating and attending a scoping meeting. Action items are reviewed.

## **Action Items**

1. Paul & Sabrina – Compile any information available regarding crash history on NH-116 between Whitefield and Littleton, as well as in Whitefield village.
2. Alex & Robert – Coordinate to schedule date for the scoping meeting, preferably early February.
3. Robert & Thomas – Prepare and submit NHDOT Driveway Permit Application with any site plans.
4. Alex – Determine who will be invited to scoping meeting.

## **Other Notes**