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# Memorandum

TO: Linda Morad, City Council President  
Members of City Council

FROM: Jamie Ponte, Commissioner *JP.*

DATE: March 12, 2019

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Discontinuance of a Portion of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway, Variable Width, at the Northeast Corner of its Present Terminus

The Department of Public Infrastructure - Wastewater Division (DPI) respectfully requests the discontinuance of a portion of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway, variable width, at the northeast corner of its present terminus. This section of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway is presently undeveloped and abuts the embankment of the Route 6/Fairhaven Bridge roadway layout.

The DPI believes this portion of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway can be eliminated as a public way because it does not provide critical access to any private property which fronts on the street, with the exception of one parcel that is owned by the New Bedford Redevelopment Authority (RDA). The DPI met with the RDA on September 5, 2018 and is working to acquire this parcel, along with said owner's interest in the portion of the street to be discontinued. The acquired land will then be combined with the adjoining City of New Bedford (City) parcel in order to be able to properly accommodate the new pump station which is to be built as part of the rehabilitation project.

This discontinuance will not impact the City's water, wastewater and storm drain systems. The DPI will address all issues involving the modification of said infrastructure as part of the rehabilitation project.

Given that the DPI is the intended occupier(s) of the land to be discontinued, it will negotiate their own arrangement(s) with the suppliers of gas, electricity, telephone service, cable television and any other such utilities for the relocation of such services, as necessary.

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Because the aforementioned issue(s) can be successfully resolved, the DPI does not foresee any issues with the discontinuance of a portion of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway as requested.

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