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To: Board of Selectmen

From: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator 

Date: September 10, 2020

Re: Correspondence from Governor Sununu's Office

Attached please find correspondence from Governor Sununu's office regarding a working partnership with and potential funding from the State of New Hampshire for the engineering and design phase of the Hudson Boulevard portion of the Circumferential Highway pending the approval of the Hudson Logistics Center.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

September 9, 2020

Mr. David Morin
Chairman of the Board of Selectmen
12 School Street
Hudson, NH 03051

Dear Mr. Morin,

It is my understanding that members of the Hudson Planning Board have expressed concerns about the existing and additional traffic volumes in relation to the Hudson Logistics Center proposal. As a result, the town has asked if the New Hampshire Department of Transportation is willing to allow a two lane road, known as Hudson Boulevard (a two-lane version of the Circumferential Highway), on state-owned Right-of-Way to alleviate these traffic concerns, if the town can find a funding source.

While the State has demonstrated that the Hudson Logistics Center proponent can mitigate for their impacts in the vicinity of the project, there is an acknowledgment that there are existing traffic concerns that the town would like to address in the long term. For this reason the State is committed to a working partnership with the town on the Hudson Boulevard portion of the Circumferential Highway. Despite including the project in the last two Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plans, it is clear that the town has struggled to obtain additional funding and is looking for assistance to fund the Hudson Boulevard project.

To that end, pending approval of the Hudson Logistics Center proposal by the Planning Board, the state is committed to immediately begin development of the preliminary design and engineering phase of the Hudson Boulevard project. It is important to note that given our current strained economic conditions, the timeframe in which project funding is available is limited and requires immediate approval by the town. Also pending approval of the Hudson Logistic Center, I am committed to pursuing funding for construction of this project and if necessary would include state funding for the construction of Hudson Boulevard in my submittal of the 2023-2032 Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan to the legislature.

The Hudson Logistics Center proposal submitted to the Planning Board for consideration is beneficial for both the town and the State. It has adequately met both transportation and environment improvement requirements of the state for successful development. According to the Fiscal Impact Analysis submitted by the developer, this project is slated to provide nearly \$4 million in net property tax revenue and bring an additional 1,400 new jobs to the town, generating more than \$81.5 million in direct wages. In these difficult economic times, it would

be irresponsible to turn away such a prosperous economic opportunity for the Hudson community.

I look forward to working with the Town of Hudson over the next few weeks to secure this amazing opportunity for southern New Hampshire.

Sincerely,



Christopher T. Sununu
Governor