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Dear Mr. Haines:

Per the request of Chairwoman Eliana Pintor Marin, we are forwarding to your attention the enclosed letter providing the Department of Transportation's responses to the member questions raised during the Department's Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committee Hearing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (609) 530-3536.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti".

Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti
Acting Commissioner

Enclosure

New Jersey Department of Transportation's Responses to Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committee's follow-up questions –

Assemblyman Burzichelli:

Please provide a comparison of bid prices and contractor performance on comparable transportation construction contracts issued between FY 2016, the last complete year with a State capital program at the \$1.6 billion level, and recently issued contracts which have been issued with a State capital program at the \$2.0 billion funding level. Does a comparison of similar projects provide any evidence that the increased level of TTF funding has resulted in contractors inflating prices or performing less efficiently as a result of the greater level of available funding?

Answer: Based on construction bids received by NJDOT from FY14 through 2018 (i.e., latter, year to date), the average percentage difference in total dollar value between project awards and the Department's engineer's estimate is fairly modest. In all of these years, the total dollar value of awards was consistently less than the engineer's estimate. From FY14 through FY16, that difference was (8.6%) and from FY17 through April, 2018 it was (6.5%).

Assemblyman McKeon:

Following the kickoff meeting with North Highland Consultants, please provide the production schedule for the NJ Transit performance audit, along with any intermediate and final work products produced during the audit.

Answer: The Request for Proposal (RFP) specified that the final report for the Comprehensive Strategic, Financial and Operational Assessment of NJ Transit should be compiled and delivered within 100 calendar days of contract award date, which was April 30, 2018. The kickoff meeting with the consultant North Highland was held on May 10, 2018. The consultant is in the process of developing the project schedule, which is due the week of May 21, 2018. Once complete the schedule will be forwarded to your office.

Assemblywoman Munoz:

Please identify the causes for a call to the #77 line not being answered by a live person. What policies are in place for the #77 line with regard to when live persons are answering the line and when a person is not available to answer a phone call either due to call volume or call center staffing levels?

Answer: The Department of Transportation respectfully defers to the Department of Law and Public Safety to address these questions, as the #77 Dangerous Driver System is operated by the New Jersey State Police.

Assemblywoman Pintor-Marin:

Please provide an update on progress in establishing the Capital Program Review Committee.

Answer: Presently, a quorum does not exist. In accordance with the TTF legislation, public members are appointed by the Governor upon the joint recommendations of the Senate President and Speaker of the General Assembly.