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Mr. John Ewasutyn, Chairman
Town of Newburgh Planning Board
308 Gardnertown Road
Newburgh, New York 12551

**Re: NYSDOT SEQRA# 13-0166
Volkswagen of Newburgh
Town of Newburgh, Orange County**

Dear Mr. Ewasutyn:

We have completed our review of Traffic Impact Study, dated July 2013 for the referenced project and have the following comments to offer:

- The methodology utilized to develop Traffic Impact Study, Trip Generation Rates, Trip Distribution, Existing Traffic Volumes, 2% growth rate, background growth rate, 2015 No-Build Traffic Volume and 2015 Build Traffic Volumes appear to be reasonable.
- It is noted that the Level of Service for northbound approach and overall intersection of Route 17K/McDonald Street intersection (from existing to no-build weekday PM peak hour) results in drop from B to C.
- It is also noted that the Route 17K/Route 300 intersection is currently operating at or close to capacity. However, when existing and no-build scenarios are compared, several individual movements and overall LOS of this intersection drops considerably. We would like to inform the Municipality that any additional traffic to this intersection may cause considerable delay to the motorists in future.
- The applicant is proposing a 10 foot wide 70 foot long Route 17K eastbound left turn lane at the intersection of Route 17K and McDonald Street. The applicant is also proposing signal modifications at this location to accommodate the proposed driveway and install loop detectors.

The proposed access and its location are conceptually approved. However, we would like to inform you that, our Traffic Engineering and Safety Group would review and evaluate all the details of proposed improvements/modifications and safety related issues as part of Highway Work Permit review process.

We would also like to inform you that, any proposed work within the NYSDOT Right-of-Way requires a Highway Work Permit (HWP). A detailed engineering review is necessary and required for issuance of a HWP. Please note that any proposed changes to the existing property plan, use, or traffic operations may necessitate an updated access configuration for the proposed project. The HWP applicant should be directed to contact the local NYSDOT-HWP Engineer to initiate a review process. Please contact:

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Depending upon the size of the proposed improvements or impact to the NYSDOT Right-of-Way, additional engineering details may be required. These details may include, Accident Counter-measures/Mitigation, Highway Improvement Plan

(HIP), and/or other submissions as directed by the Permit Engineer.

The applicant should also be encouraged to review the permit process and all required HWP forms on the NYSDOT website (<https://www.dot.ny.gov/index>).

Thank you for your interest in highway safety.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Akhter A. Shareef', written over a horizontal line.

Akhter A. Shareef
Senior Transportation Analyst

cc: Michael Sassi, Traffic Engineering and Safety Group, Region 8
Siby Zachariah-Carbone, Permit Field Engineer, Residency 8-4