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RE: **NEDPED – Project Update, Period Covering Month of August 2016**

Summary of NEDPED Project:

- (1) Personnel Changes – After some time without a superintendent, Consolidated Resource (ConRes) assigned a project superintendent approximately two weeks ago. Since then the pace of the project has really picked up as well as the sequencing of the work. In addition, ConRes has assigned additional work personnel to the project, which has helped to pick up the schedule.
- (2) Second Street (West of Snyder) – Work is well underway on 2nd Street. It is anticipated that that base aggregate fill will be in from Snyder to South Beaver Creek crossing by 8 September.
 - a. As anticipated, ConRes is running into utilities. Some of the utilities have been marked, some previously marked and the markings are gone, and some unmarked. It has been requested that ConRes call in a “locate refresh” to ensure that any previously marked utilities are remarked.
 - b. Porous Asphalt – Securing porous asphalt is still proving to be a challenge. It was recently decided to move to “plan B”, with respect to the porous asphalt. This plan is calls for placing a temporary HMA in lieu of porous asphalt until the spring/summer of 2017. We are finalizing a detailed memorandum outlining exactly what ConRes is to do in terms of the temporary HMA as well as a date certain when the porous must be placed.
 - c. Community Members – We continue to try and keep the people along 2nd Street updated. The ROW has been staked several times in an attempt to alert property owners as to what items are associated with their encroachment to the ROW. Even though we continue to perform outreach, it has been challenging at times. There can be quite a difference between looking at “stakes” and seeing the actual work take place. The work in the street is very daunting and at times challenging.
 - d. Staking – The Town has been providing surveying for ConRes, at its expense. ConRes directs the surveyor as to what they would like staked and how. We continue to incur re-staking charges. People have continued to pull at surveying stakes, which in turn requires the surveyor to go back out and re-stake. If we can all encourage people not to remove the stakes, that would help to keep the cost of surveying to a minimum. It should be realized that some of the stakes are “off-set”, meaning the stake may be off

set from the actual "line" by a few feet. This is done to avoid the chance that the contractor will hit the stake during excavation.

- e. Safety – We are having a tough time keeping people away from the operating equipment. At times the contractor has to stop working as people walk by. Most importantly it is about safety first and work efficiency second. In the event of an emergency, emergency vehicles can drive down the stone in the road, but only emergency vehicles, for we need to keep that stone as clean as possible. We absolutely must keep people (adults and children) away from the operating machinery.
- (3) Gas lines – Gas lines are presenting challenges but progress has been made. Xcel is re-routing the gas lines in the intersection of Snyder and 2nd Street. That work will be done 10 September. There are still gas line issues in 2nd Street and Xcel has responded and is working on solutions.
- (4) Schedule – The near term schedule:
- a. Last month, we reported, based on representation by the contractor that Hwy 72 should be completed or nearly completed by the week of August 22. That did not happen. They continue to work on Hwy 72. Progress has been made, the pedestrian trail is done, and we are trying to get the choker course of gravel down. We recently rejected the gravel for being out of specification, and ConRes is working with their supplier to get "spec" material. As soon as that is resolved, Hwy 72 should be completed soon.
 - b. Second Street (west of Snyder) - this still isn't completed. The delay has been re-routing the gas line with Xcel. As soon as that gas line is re-routed, the work on this part of 2nd Street will be wrapped up.
 - c. Second Street (east of Snyder) – Per representation of ConRes, they are anticipating having this part of 2nd Street completed by the end of September. This includes the temporary HMA road patch.



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