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Bedford Conservation Commission
10 Mudge Way
Bedford, MA 01730
c/o Jeff Summers, Administrator

**Re: Minuteman Bikeway Extension from Loomis Street to Concord Road
DEP File No. 103-0895
Reduced Scope of Work**

Dear Administrator Summers,

On behalf of the Applicant, the Town of Bedford, VHB would like to notify you of a reduction in the scope of work for the proposed Minuteman Bikeway shared use path project in Bedford, MA. The approved bikeway design plans provided with the Notice of Intent filing included the installation of new fiber optic conduit, unrelated to the bikeway, at the request of the Bedford Facilities Department at the 75% design stage. The proposed fiber optic system includes new conduit and handholes, connecting to the existing system at Lavender Lane and was initially extending approximately 460 ft beyond the end of the proposed paved bikeway to Wheeler Drive. It was recently brought to our attention that the extension of the fiber optic system beyond the paved bikeway to Wheeler Drive encroaches on land that is mapped as Priority and Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, or Wildlife as determined by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP).

The extension of the fiber optic system into NHESP Priority and Estimated Habitat of Rare Species was an unintentional design oversight, and as such, to resolve the issue the Applicant is proposing to reduce the length of the fiber optic conduit to terminate at the end of the proposed paved bikeway and avoid any work or disturbance within the NHESP Priority and Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, or Wildlife. The attached plans illustrate the reduced limit of work for the proposed fiber optic system and the associated clearing limits (see sheets 40 & 126).

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, or require additional information please contact me at 617.607.2168.

Sincerely,



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Project Manager

Attachment: 100% Design Plans – Notice of Intent Permitting Plans – Revised 10/13/2022

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