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Public Comment

To: Carol Morrisette

Committee Chair, Portland Planning Board

From: Winfield Stratton

Project / Procurement Manager

ecomaine

Re: Proposed zoning map amendment

CJ Developers, Inc. proposal

Re CC Order 155-12/13
Hearing 3.4.2013

Att. D.15 to
City Council Report #10-13
2282 Congress St.
Conditional Rezoning

Ms. Morrisette,

I was in attendance at the February 12, 2013 Planning Board public hearing and commented on the C.J. Development Inc. request for a zoning amendment. Thank you for the opportunity to speak at the public hearing and for recognizing my concerns at the end of the meeting. On behalf of ecomaine I requested that the board consider a traffic light at the end of Blueberry Road to control traffic merging onto Congress Street. I understand that a traffic movement study will be conducted to evaluate current and anticipated increased traffic flow resulting from the addition of the proposed development.

Ecomaine is concerned and committed to the safety of employees, vendors, trash haulers, and other visitors to ecomaine. Currently, egress onto Congress Street from Blueberry Road is difficult especially during periods of heavy traffic. Sight distance is limited in each direction where Blueberry Road intersects Congress Street. Large commercial trash trucks frequently restrict visibility and driver ability to safely assess oncoming traffic.

Increased traffic volume on an already congested area, the high percentage of large commercial vehicles, as well as traffic merging onto Congress Street directly opposite Blueberry Road will each contribute to increased risk for vehicles exiting and merging onto Congress Street. These risks will be common to vehicles on Blueberry Road as well as vehicles entering and exiting the proposed development.

Ecomaine strongly supports the installation of a traffic light to control traffic flow in all directions, and requests that upon completion of the Traffic Movement Permitting a traffic light is mandated. Ecomaine wishes to be pro-active with Safety in order to eliminate all hazard risks for our employees, visitors, and the general public.

Please contact ecomaine for actual facility related traffic volume data.

Submitted By:

Winfield Stratton

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