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Are you commenting on a straw proposal?

Yes

If yes, which one?

Prefiling Procedures

Comment/Question

Thank you for providing these opportunities for feedback on the Straw Proposals. For the Prefiling Engagement Requirements, Phase 1, I would respectfully suggest the DPU/EFSB provide a sample or standard notice for inviting stakeholders and abutters to a public meeting. It should at a minimum include a plain language description of the project and a map of the routes under consideration. There should be a minimum requirement (instead of engagement could include) for engagement to include at least mailing to abutters, reaching out to elected officials, publishing in the newspaper, and sending to the city/town clerk for publishing on the municipal calendar. The project website should launch at/before the first public meeting, and start its email listserv for interested parties at that first meeting.

In Phase 2, I would similarly require minimum outreach/engagement to include everything required in Phase 1 as well as phone calls and emails to abutters, flyers in community areas, social media posts, and project website. Then maybe include optional door knocking to abutters, radio and television ads -- or maybe consider requiring door knocking for impacted EJ communities.

For the Prefiling Notice, you may want to require applicants to attach copies of all outreach materials -- to show the plain language and maps used.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Best, Danielle