



The Village of Bald Head Island

May 27, 2021

VIA Email

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Re: Your Letter of May 20, 2021

Dear Susan:

Thank you for your letter. The Village appreciates your suggestion of a task force regarding operations. However, such a task force would not address the Village's concerns about the proposed acquisition. Further, the Authority's proposing to select which representatives of the Village could be on such a task force (e.g., excluding the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem) did not seem very cooperative. At present, we are more concerned about the asset purchase. We agree, however, that it is important that the regular users of the Transportation System have substantial input and governance over its operations.

Because the Village and the public have expressed numerous concerns regarding the proposed acquisition and because the terms of the proposed acquisition are unknown, it would not be in the public interest for the Village to waive its Right of First Refusal.

We also are curious about the Authority's decision not to allow the public to participate remotely in the Authority's May 27, 2021 meeting? A public dial-in number had been provided for the Authority's prior meetings. That appears to raise issues of transparency. The Village requests that the Authority provide a remote participation option for future meetings or conduct the meetings on Bald Head Island.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. Andrew Sayre

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