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Elise,

As we discussed last Friday, PCL would like to enter the Letellier wetland to conduct construction works for the South Rapid Transit 2 Project (SRT2PHU) (see attached image for location). The works were originally scheduled to begin in late winter but were delayed until access to the site was provided by a third-party. There are a number of third-party entities, such as CN and Manitoba Hydro, that are not part of the Project Team but need to provide access, services, or perform other tasks that can affect scheduling of the Project works. These third-parties are not bound by the performance requirements in a Project Agreement or the scheduling drivers of environmental permits. Although agreements with the third-parties are necessary for the Project to proceed, there is no way to bind these entities to schedule performance.

The cattail wetland is approximately 0.6 ha and currently has open water. The proposed works are to construct the overpass that carries the Transitway over the CN Letellier line and two spur lines. Foundation construction for the overpass will require the dewatering of the wetland, construction of access roads, and excavation of the foundations. Works are now scheduled to begin in mid-May 2017, so as to allow for MSD consultation and mitigation tasks.

EAL No. 3121 E, Clause 11 states: "The Licencee shall, unless otherwise authorized by the Director, not conduct construction activities within the cattails stands and wet meadow areas within the Development in spring and summer for the protection of Northern leopard frogs." We are seeking an authorization to conduct works within the Letellier wetland. We are proposing to mitigate the potential effects to Northern Leopard Frogs through a survey and relocation. A preconstruction survey will be conducted by experienced biologists immediately prior to the dewatering and construction works. Any frogs and/or egg masses will be captured and relocated to the Lot 16 (agricultural) drain. Field protocols for both frogs and egg masses are being prepared and will be provided to MSD once completed. Once the survey and relocation work has been completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to MSD. If MSD should prefer other mitigation strategies to be included in the work plan, please let us know.

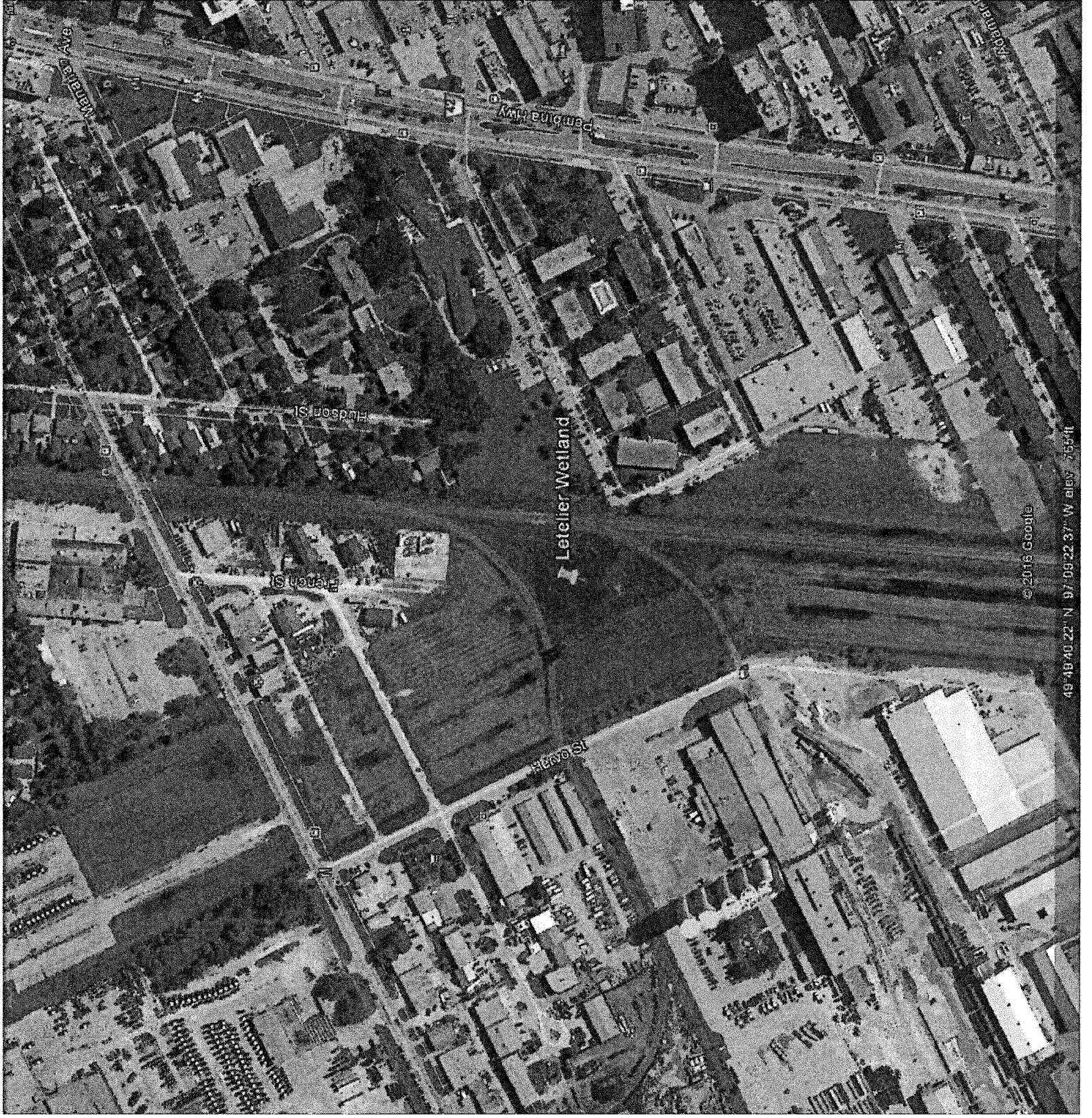
Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks,

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