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Hi Andrea-

Thanks for your voicemail message. Happy New Year!

Based on internal discussion at FHWA, we are in agreement that our role is **none**; as this is *privately* funded project on private property.

No federal-aid funds are shown nor FHWA actions noted. It also includes a RR project that is not eligible for FA (highway) funding.

As currently proposed the private road seeks to connect to a TxDOT Farm to Market road.

Our current response to OEA, that was seeking an electronic response apparently, from FHWA on our "role" = The FHWA role would be N/A.

We do not plan on responding electronically on the STB Records page. Please use this e-mail for your purposes.

From multiple previous meetings, it appears that the private project sponsor (GER/PVH) is seeking a federal partner for NEPA.

We suggested that GER/PVH set up a meeting with all potential federal partners, but received this letter instead.

Hope this helps and please let us know if you'd like to discuss any further-

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