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Hi Nader,

Sorry it has taken a while to get back to you on the Glulam Bridge issue for the Meadow Way project. Linda (who makes the final decision on funding) was on vacation then in training, but she is back today as soon as she was back we went over this project. As she stated before she does not think that a timber bridge is appropriate for Fairfax or San Francisco Bay area. There is no specific guidelines that a glulam bridge can not be used, but areas that it may be appropriate are desert environments. Timber has a tendency to deteriorate much faster than other types of structures for several reasons. Therefore she could not approve funding of this type of structure in this environment. If the Town insists it would need approval from FHWA.

Another concern she had with this bridge is that it is functionally obsolete and requires widening. It could remain a 1-lane bridge with approval, but the existing timber structure can not be widened. Therefore there should be no work/costs shown in the Exhibit 6D application related to assessing the rehab/repair/retrofit option and PM costs associated with that option. Please contact me to discuss.

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