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With regards to SR 0896, Section SIP, we have completed the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Evaluation phase of this project. We are now in the early stages of the Final Design phase of the project. This current phase will include the right-of-way acquisition process, and that process also is just starting. We anticipate that the project letting (the determination of the low-bid contractor) will occur in Summer 2022. This timeframe is necessary to process the anticipated 88 property takings. While most of these are "strip takes", this number of acquisitions will take approximately two years.

Concerning the duration of construction, it is anticipated to be two years. Since final design has just started, the suggested sequence of construction has not yet been developed. Also, I need to counsel you that even when the designer will have strategized how the project could be built. It is the contractor who will be responsible for the actual construction sequence. Therefore, the proposed sequence could change. But in either case, we cannot yet forecast, within the two year window, when the intersection of 896 & Appleton Road and 896 & Chesterville Road might be staged. When the project's construction sequence has been developed, I will inform you when (within the two year window) each of these key intersections is forecasted to be improved.