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Council President Roderick  
Councilwoman Sousa  
City of East Providence  
City Council  
145 Taunton Avenue  
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**RE: METACOMET REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
PUBLIC COMMENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

Dear Council President Roderick and Councilwoman Sousa:

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) is in receipt of your letter of May 21, 2026, pertaining to the “Metacomet Development Project” which requests that “the comment period be extended for an additional 14 days from the furnishing of the transcript since a video of the meeting is not available for non-attendees to view.”

Please note that there was no RIDEM-imposed requirement that the meeting be recorded or live streamed. RIDEM requested the meeting be transcribed, which the developer complied with.

That said, because of the public interest in this site and the request from the City Council, RIDEM will allow the public comment period to remain open for seven days following the posting of the transcript on the RIDEM website for this site.<sup>1</sup>

Regards,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://dem.ri.gov/environmental-protection-bureau/land-revitalization-and-sustainable-materials-management/state-1>