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Dear Mr. Bowman,

This letter is written in response to an early coordination letter for Project NH-0085-02(153), Fulton County, PI no. 762380-SR400/I-85 Connector Ramps that was sent to my office. The enclosed study area map includes the following neighborhoods in the City of Atlanta: Lindridge Martin Manor, Piedmont Heights, and Morningside Lenox Park all of which are located within Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU)-F. Also included in the study area is the LaVista Park neighborhood in DeKalb County. Recently, leaders from these neighborhoods met with me to evaluate and delineate the surrounding neighborhoods' needs and concerns in relation to this project.

Neighborhood Preservation:

While the surrounding neighborhoods acknowledge the need for greater connectivity between SR400 and I-85, the people in NPU-F do not believe that mitigating automobile traffic congestion takes precedence over neighborhood preservation.

Coordination of Planning Efforts/Strategies:

The neighborhoods wish and desire that GDOT work cooperatively, not only with neighborhood leadership, but with the respective planning departments and elected officials in both the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County to develop a project that creates a future transportation infrastructure that is completely congruent with the agreed upon priorities outlined in the City of Atlanta's Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) and well as plans for the Beltline.

Environmental Impact:

This project could pose significant negative environmental impact on the North Fork of Peachtree Creek and surrounding neighborhoods. It is the wish of the neighborhood leadership that GDOT agree to mitigate any negative impact. In addition, the subsequent loss of permeable surface resulting from this project, will likely increase flooding in the

area. Again, it is the expectation of neighborhood leadership that GDOT would adequately address this concern.

Quality of Life Concerns:

The proposed alignment of these ramps presented to stakeholders at the October 2006 meeting placed the southbound SR 400 ramp adjacent to residential property in Lindridge Martin Manor. What noise abatement measures would be instituted by GDOT should this alignment be finalized? Which properties will be impacted by eminent domain? Finally, what is the proposed funding mechanism for this project?

My office looks forward to working with GDOT, its consultants, and the surrounding neighborhoods to achieve a successful plan that is the least disruptive to the residents of NPU-F.

Respectfully,

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cc: Emory McClinton