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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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August 17, 2010

Ms Jane Rawlings
President
Lindridge Martin Manor Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 14016
Atlanta, Georgia 30324

RE: GDOT Project NH000-0085-02(153), Fulton County, P.I.#762380

Dear Ms. Rawlings:

As you may be aware, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is developing a project to improve the State Route 400 (SR 400) Interchange with Interstate 85 (I-85), by adding connector ramps from I-85 Southbound to SR 400 Northbound and from SR 400 Southbound to I-85 Northbound in Fulton County, Georgia. In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Department identified historic properties within the geographic area of potential effects (APE) of the proposed project. A field survey for historic properties was performed in 2008 identifying the Lindridge Martin Manor Subdivision as a historic district eligible for listing in the National Register. The report was submitted to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division (HPD) in May of 2009. Since that time, attempts have been made to minimize harm to the Lindridge Martin Manor Subdivision by design modifications; however, in spite of these modifications, it has been determined that project implementation would have an adverse visual effect on the neighborhood. This adverse effect is a result of the proposed construction of the connector ramps which would be visible from the neighborhood.

The Department is now in the process of developing appropriate measures for mitigating the adverse visual effect and through this letter is soliciting input from the Lindridge Martin Manor Neighborhood Association. By working with the association, we hope to produce mitigation that is more useful and provides optimal benefit to the neighborhood. The purpose of this letter is to initiate this discussion.

Please assist the Department by submitting suggestions for mitigation measures that would enhance or benefit the Lindridge Martin Manor Subdivision. Once the Department receives the suggestions, we will assess the feasibility and potential effectiveness of each measure and develop a mitigation plan. This plan will be shared with the Lindridge Martin Manor Neighborhood Association prior to implementation.

In order to facilitate this process, please respond to this request within 30 days of receipt of this letter. This response should be sent to:

Glenn Bowman, P.E.
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600 West Peachtree Street, NW, 16th Floor
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Attn: Sharman Southall

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Sharman Southall (404-631-1057 or ssouthall@dot.ga.gov) or Sandy Lawrence (404-631-1150 or slawrence@dot.ga.gov). Thank you for your participation in this process.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Glenn Bowman, P.E. with a checkmark to the left and a flourish to the right.

Glenn Bowman, P.E.
State Environmental Administrator

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cc: Rodney N. Barry, P.E., FHWA, (Attn: Jennifer Giersch)
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