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September 9, 2004

Mr. Charlie Horne
Chatham County Manager
P.O. Box 87
Pittsboro, NC 27312-0087

RE: US 15-501 Corridor Improvements, Chatham County, TIP Project No. R-2628

Dear Mr. Horne:

On August 10, 2004, a meeting was held at the Chatham County Planning office to discuss the County's request for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to study an additional corridor alternative. In attendance were Keith Megginson, Chatham County Planning Director, Lynn Richardson, Chatham County Land Use Administrator, Bonnie Peacock, ARCADIS Project Manager and Theresa Ellerby, NCDOT Project Manager.

The additional corridor begins at the western terminus of the existing US 64 Bypass and traverses in a southward direction, connecting with US 15-501 in the vicinity of Charlie Brooks Road. This alternative, according to Mr. Megginson, avoids Harlands Creek, Roberson Creek Subdivision and a number of property owners west of US 15-501. During the meeting, Mr. Megginson sketched the location of this alternative on an aerial photograph.

In response to the County's request, and as discussed at the August 10, 2004 meeting, NCDOT will complete a preliminary analysis of this route to determine if this route will meet the project's purpose and need. A determination along with supporting data will be provided to Chatham County upon completion by late fall of 2004.

NCDOT appreciates your participation in the planning process for this project. Should you have further comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 919-733-7844 ext. 266

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theresa J. Ellerby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Theresa Ellerby, Project Manager
NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch

cc: Keith Megginson, Chatham County Planning Director
Lynn Richardson, Chatham County Land Use Administrator II
Gregory J. Thorpe, NCDOT Environmental Management Director
James Speer, NCDOT Project Engineer
Bonnie Peacock, ARCADIS Project Manager