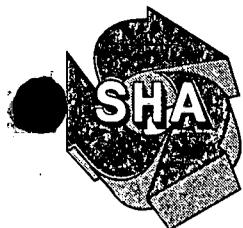


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May 22, 2001

The Honorable Barbara D. Samorajczyk
Vice Chairperson
Anne Arundel County Council
Arundel Center
P.O. Box 2700
Annapolis MD 21404-2700

Dear Councilmember Samorajczyk:

This letter is written in response to an inquiry from Councilwoman Barbara A. Samorajczyk, on behalf of the Anne Arundel County Council, concerning the match requirement for the sound barrier project along US 50 from Ridgely Avenue to the Severn River. Recently, the State Highway Administration provided information to Anne Arundel County staff indicating that the match requirement would be \$1,000,081. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.

Our preliminary estimated construction cost was \$3.8 million, which would require a 20 percent cost share of \$770,000 from Anne Arundel County. While SHA's current estimate is still within the original budget amount, we will not know the actual final cost until the project is complete. It is for this reason we suggest that the County budget funding based on the \$1,000,081 figure in the event that the project costs are ultimately higher than our estimate. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Thank you for your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,


for Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Harvey Gold, Long Range Planning, Anne Arundel County
Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
The Honorable Janet S. Owens, Anne Arundel County Executive

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March 14, 2001

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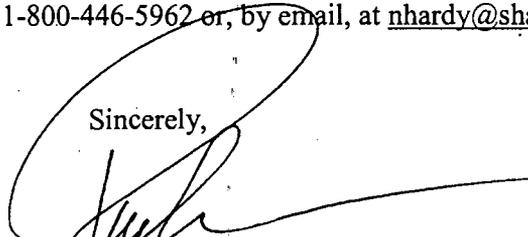
Thank you for sending your aide, Ms. Valerie Miller, to the February 27 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA), regarding sound barriers for the Riverview and Lindamoore communities along both sides of US 50 between the Severn River Bridge and Ridgely Avenue in Anne Arundel County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for the Riverview and Lindamoore communities, which are currently receiving high levels of traffic noise, and to determine if the property owners approve of the sound barrier project. Approximately 36 residents of the two communities attended the meeting. We are following up with those property owners who were unable to attend the meeting by providing them with copies of the materials distributed at the meeting, including ballots for those property owners who are impacted by highway traffic noise. Once the ballots from the impacted property owners are returned, we will forward the results.

Currently, this project is funded for engineering and design. When SHA receives Anne Arundel County's commitment to fund 20 percent of the project's cost, we will proceed with the advertisement and construction of the project. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the distributed materials: the meeting agenda; an information sheet listing typical noises in the environment; two plan sheets showing the locations of the proposed barriers; four cross-section sheets of the roadway; and a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*.

Thank you for your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, our Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosures

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One copy of *Agenda* for 02-27-2001 meeting

One copy of *Sound* informational sheet

One copy each of 11" x 17" *Plan Sheet for the Riverview Manor Community*, two *Cross-Section Sheets* (Riverview); *Plan Sheet for the Lindamoore Community*; two *Cross-Section Sheets* (Lindamoore) – total of six 11" x 17" sheets

One copy of MDOT/SHA brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*



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February 12, 2001

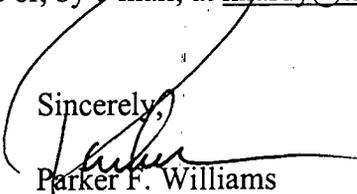
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Dear Councilmember Samorajczyk:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the Riverview/Lindamoor community regarding the proposed sound barriers along both sides of US 50 between the Severn River Bridge and Ridgely Avenue. This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2001, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 710 Ridgely Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

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August 15, 2001

The Honorable Audrey E. Scott
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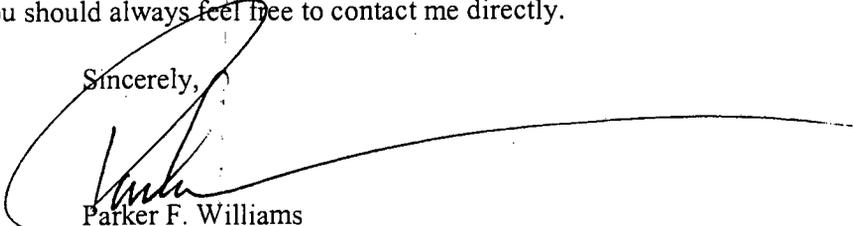
Dear Councilmember Scott:

This letter is a follow-up to the July 23 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at Benjamin Tasker Middle School, regarding the proposed sound barrier for the Princeton Square/Old Stage Road community along US 50 in Prince George's County. I wish to provide the following information from the meeting.

The SHA is following up with those homeowners who were unable to attend the meeting by providing them with the materials distributed at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for residences that will be impacted by high levels of traffic noise anticipated to occur because of the future improvements to US 50 near the Princeton Square/Old Stage Road community. We would also like to determine that at least 75 percent of those impacted property owners approve of the sound barrier placement. There was one homeowner present. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the distributed materials, including: the meeting's agenda; an information sheet listing typical noises in the environment; a plan sheet showing the sound barrier location, current noise levels, and proposed noise level reduction; cross-section views of the community; and a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*. Also, for those homeowners that are impacted by highway noise, we included a postage paid ballot for them to indicate their approval or disapproval of the proposed sound barrier project.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosures

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Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
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Enclosures:

One copy of the meeting's *Agenda*

One copy of *Sound* informational sheet

One copy of *Plan Sheet*

One copy of *Cross-Section* sheet

One copy of MDOT/SHA brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*



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May 25, 2001

The Honorable Audrey E. Scott
Prince George's County Council
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Dear Councilmember Scott:

Thank you for sending your aide, Ms. Janelle J. Butler, to the May 9 informational meeting at Bowie City Hall, regarding proposed sound barriers adjacent to the intersection of relocated MD 450 and MD 197 (Laurel-Bowie/Collington Road) in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information.

One purpose of the meeting was to discuss sound barrier plans for the residences that would be impacted by highway traffic noise resulting from the relocation of MD 450 along Galaxy Lane, Memphis Lane, Moreland Place, and Twin Cedar Lane. Another purpose was to determine that at least 75 percent of impacted property owners approve of the placement of the sound barriers. Approximately 26 homeowners attended, and we provided those who were unable to attend with copies of the materials that were distributed at the meeting. Both groups of homeowners also received ballots, which are due back to us by June 18. The results will be forwarded to you soon thereafter.

Enclosed are copies of materials that were distributed at the meeting: the agenda; an information sheet listing typical noises in the environment; plan sheets showing the sound barriers' locations, current noise levels, and predicted future noise levels after the sound barrier is constructed; cross-section views of the community; and a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*, that outlines the State's Sound Barrier Policy. The project to relocate MD 450 is funded for construction, and construction is currently scheduled to begin in late 2001.

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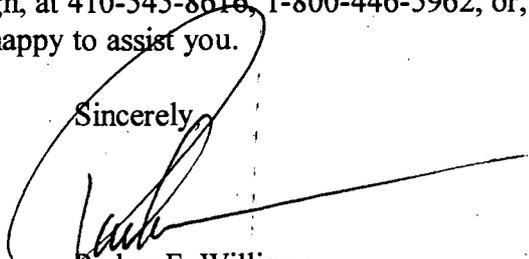
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Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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Enclosures:

One copy each (11"x17") **Plan Sheets** of new intersection of relocated MD 450 and MD 197 (2 pages)

One copy each (11"x17") **cross-section Sheets** for new intersection of relocated MD 450 and MD 197 (2 pages)

One copy of meeting's **Agenda**

One copy of **Sound Information Sheet**

One copy of MDOT/SHA brochure, **Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers**



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May 7, 2001

The Honorable Audrey E. Scott
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Dear Councilmember Scott:

This letter is a follow-up to the April 25 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at Bowie City Hall, regarding the proposed sound barrier for the Highbridge community along MD 450 in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information from the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for the residences currently receiving high levels of traffic noise and to determine that at least 75 percent of those impacted property owners approve of the sound barrier placement. There were approximately 15 homeowners present. We received the 75 percent concurrence necessary to move forward with the design of the sound barrier system. In addition, there are two issues that SHA has to address with the Highbridge Board of Directors and Management Company: a right-of-entry agreement and placement of the sound barrier wall. Once details are completed, we will forward additional information to you.

At this time, we wish to follow up with those homeowners who were unable to attend the meeting by providing them with copies of the materials distributed at the meeting. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of these materials: the meeting agenda; an information sheet listing typical noises in the environment; plan sheets with cross-sections and elevations showing the sound barrier location, current noise levels and proposed noise-level reduction; and a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*. Currently, this project is funded for construction in conjunction with the improvements to MD 450, which will begin sometime this Summer.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

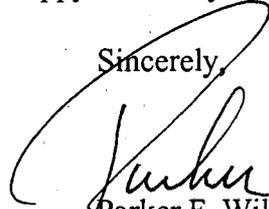
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Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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Enclosure:

One copy each of the following:

Meeting's *Agenda*

Sound information sheet

Plan View (Westbound MD 450 near Greenville Lane) and Cross-Sections of the Highbridge
community

Plan and Elevation of Highbridge sound barrier

MDOT/SHA brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*



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May 7, 2001

The Honorable Audrey E. Scott
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Dear Councilmember Scott:

Thank you for sending your aide, Ms. Janelle J. Butler, to the April 24 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Benjamin Tasker Middle School, regarding the proposed sound barrier for the Princeton Square community along westbound US 50, from MD 197 to the CSX railroad line, in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information from the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for the residences that will receive high levels of traffic noise as a result of the planned improvements to US 50 and to determine that at least 75 percent of the property owners impacted approve of the sound barrier placement. There were 6 homeowners present. We have followed-up with those homeowners who were unable to attend the meeting by providing them with copies of the materials distributed at the meeting. Vote cards were distributed to impacted homeowners that attended the meeting and the remaining vote cards are being sent to those homeowners who were unable to attend. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the distributed materials: the meeting agenda; an information sheet listing typical noises in the environment; a plan sheet showing the sound barrier location, current noise levels and proposed noise level reduction; a cross-section of views of the community; and a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*. This project is currently funded and scheduled to begin construction in the Fall of 2001.

A question was raised concerning protection by the sound barrier for several homes located on the western side of the CSX railroad tracks. The SHA is looking into this situation and will forward additional information to you within the next two weeks.

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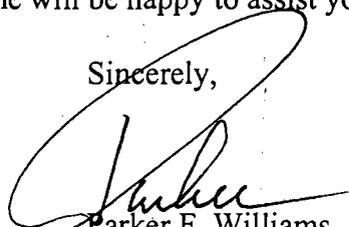
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Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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Enclosures:

One copy each of the following:

Meeting's *Agenda*

Sound information sheet

Site Plan for the Princeton Square community showing the alignment of the proposed barrier and the impacted and benefited homes

Cross-Sections of the Princeton Square community

MDOT/SHA brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

April 10, 2001

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The Honorable Audrey E. Scott
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Dear Councilmember Scott:

This letter is to advise you of two community informational meetings that the State Highway Administration will conduct regarding proposed sound barriers in Prince George's County. Both meetings pertain to improvements to MD 450, between MD 193 and Stonybrook Drive.

The first meeting is for the Highbridge community near Grenville Lane. It will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2001, from 7 to 9 p.m., as originally planned. The original location of the meeting has changed, however. It will occur in Room 5 of the Bowie City Hall, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, Maryland. Displays will be available from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The second meeting is for the three communities adjacent to the intersection of relocated MD 450 and MD 197 (Laurel-Bowie Road/Collington Road), Galaxy Lane, Memphis Lane/Moreland Place and Twin Cedar Lane. It is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, 2001, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Bowie City Hall, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, Maryland. Again, displays will be available from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

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Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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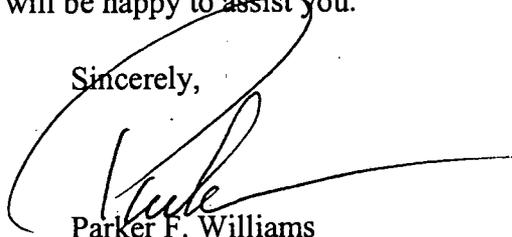
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Dear Councilmember Scott:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the Princeton Square community regarding the proposed sound barrier along westbound US 50 from MD 197 to just beyond the CSX railroad line in Prince George's County. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2001, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Benjamin Tasker Middle School, 4901 Collington Road, Bowie, Maryland. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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State Highway Administration**

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Parris N. Glendening
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Parker F. Williams
Administrator

August 15, 2001

The Honorable Mark K. Shriver
Maryland House of Delegates
224 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Shriver:

This letter is a follow-up to the August 7 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Stonebridge Pool House, regarding the proposed sound barrier for the Stonebridge community along MD 28 in Montgomery County. I wish to provide the following information from the meeting.

The SHA is following up with those homeowners who were unable to attend the meeting by providing them with the materials from the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans with residences that will be impacted by high levels of traffic noise because of the future improvements to MD 28, near the Stonebridge community. We would also like to determine that at least seventy-five percent of those impacted property owners approve of the sound barrier placement. Approximately seventeen homeowners were present. There were inquiries concerning safety near the proposed barrier, aesthetics, advancing the construction schedule, and landscaping plans. The SHA has agreed to evaluate those concerns and provide feedback to the community. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the distributed materials, including: the meeting's agenda; an information sheet listing typical noises in the environment; a plan sheet showing the sound barrier location, current noise levels, and proposed noise level reduction; three cross-section views of the community; and, a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*. Also, we included a postage-paid ballot for the homeowner's to indicate their approval or disapproval of the proposed sound barrier project.

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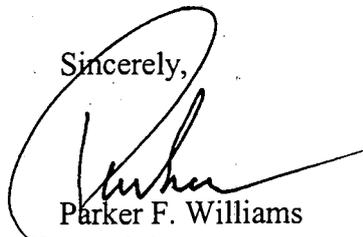
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Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosures

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Enclosures:

One copy of the meeting's *Agenda*

One copy of *Sound* informational sheet

One copy of *Plan Sheet*

One copy (each) of *Cross-Section* sheets (total of 3)

One copy of MDOT/SHA brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

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Parris N. Glendening
Governor

John D. Porcari
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

July 31, 2001

The Honorable Mark K. Shriver
Maryland House of Delegates
224 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Shriver:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the Stonebridge community regarding the proposed sound barrier project along MD 28, near Muddy Branch Road in Montgomery County. This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2001, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Stonebridge Pool House, 14801 Stonebridge View Drive, North Potomac, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the placement of the proposed sound barrier and to obtain concurrence from at least 75 percent of the impacted homeowners. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

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May 1, 2001

The Honorable Mark K. Shriver
Maryland House of Delegates
224 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Shriver:

This letter is an update on the status of the sound barrier project for the Burning Tree Estates community, along the outer loop of I-495 from Bradley Boulevard to River Road in Montgomery County. I appreciate this opportunity to provide the following information.

The sound barrier project for the Burning Tree Estates community was scheduled to begin construction during the Summer of 2001 and be completed by the Spring of 2003. During final design of the sound barrier, an issue concerning the flood plain of Thomas Branch along a portion of the community arose which required additional design analysis. We have resolved this flood plain issue by making some adjustments to the sound barrier and wish to present our findings to the community. The State Highway Administration will host an informational meeting for the Burning Tree Estates community on Wednesday, May 23, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Seven Locks Elementary School, 9500 Seven Locks Road, Bethesda, Maryland.

Thank you for your continued patience. If you have any questions or concerns about the project in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

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February 16, 2001

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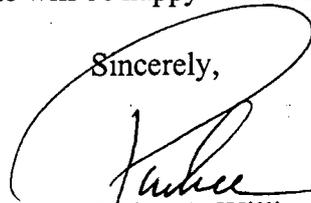
Dear Delegate Shriver:

This letter is a follow-up to the February 6 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at Quince Orchard High School in Gaithersburg, regarding the sound barriers for the Owens Glen and Westleigh communities, located along MD 28 in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier finish and landscape plans for those residences in the Owens Glen and Westleigh communities that will benefit from the barrier project. There were approximately 21 homeowners present. The SHA indicated that the completed sound barrier would be constructed of concrete using a formliner to simulate natural, cut stone. Landscaping plans detailed the use of shade trees, shrubs, and ivy, where possible. The project is funded and scheduled to begin construction in the Summer of 2001.

Thank you for your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, the SHA's Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

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Administrator

January 16, 2001

The Honorable Mark K. Shriver
Maryland House of Delegates
224 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear The Honorable Shriver:

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The State Highway Administration will conduct a follow-up informational meeting for the Owens Glen and Westleigh communities regarding the proposed sound barriers along MD 28. This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2001, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Quince Orchard High School, 15800 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

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May 1, 2001

Mr. Bob Simpson
Senior Planning Specialist
Montgomery County Dept. of
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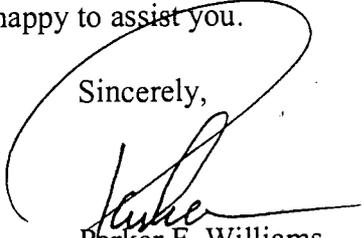
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March 29, 2001

Mr. Bob Simpson
Senior Planning Specialist
Montgomery County
Department of Public Works and
Transportation
Executive Office Building, 10th Floor
101 Monroe Street
Rockville MD 20850-2540

Dear Mr. Simpson:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the Carderock Springs community regarding the proposed sound barrier along the outer loop of I-495 from Thornley Court to Persimmon Tree Road in Montgomery County. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 30, 2001, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Clubhouse of the Carderock Springs Swim & Tennis Club, Inc., 8200 Hamilton Spring Court, Bethesda, Maryland. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

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August 3, 2001

The Honorable Wayne M. Skinner
Baltimore County Council
Room 221
400 Washington Avenue
Towson MD 21204-4606

Dear Councilman Skinner:

This letter is a follow-up to the State Highway Administration's (SHA) June 4 informational meeting conducted for the Country Club Park community in Baltimore County regarding the planned sound barrier project along northbound I-83. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this update. As indicated at the meeting, SHA requires that 75 percent of the impacted homeowners must be in favor of the barrier project. The Country Club Park community has reached the 75 percent concurrence. Details regarding the construction schedule for the sound barrier project will be forthcoming.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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- Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
- Mr. Gary Wantz, Project Engineer, Office of Highway Design, State Highway Administration

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May 7, 2001

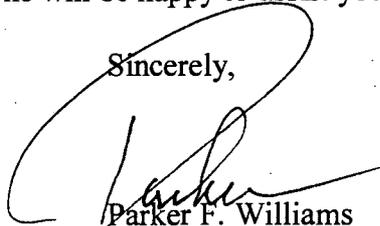
The Honorable Wayne M. Skinner
Baltimore County Council
400 Washington Avenue, Room 205
Towson MD 21204-4606

Dear Councilmember Skinner:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the Country Club Park community regarding the proposed sound barrier along northbound I-83, to the north of Seminary Avenue, in Baltimore County. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 4, 2001, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Ridgely Middle School, 121 East Ridgely Road, Lutherville-Timonium, Maryland. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

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August 3, 2001

The Honorable Allan R. Smith
Charles County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 2150
La Plata MD 20646

Dear Commissioner Smith:

This letter is a follow-up to the State Highway Administration's (SHA) June 27 informational meeting conducted for the Hughesville Manor community in Charles County regarding the planned sound barrier project along MD 5. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this update. As indicated at the meeting, SHA requires that 75 percent of the impacted homeowners must be in favor of the barrier project. The Hughesville Manor community has reached the 75 percent concurrence. Details regarding the construction schedule for the sound barrier project will be forthcoming.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

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Mr. Darrel Mobley, Project Engineer, Office of Highway Design, State Highway Administration

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Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 06/27/2001 community meeting to report that 75% concurrence of impacted homeowners to approve the barrier project has been achieved

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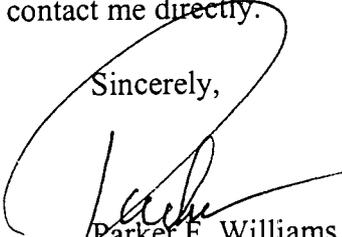
The Honorable Allan R. Smith
Charles County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 2150
LaPlata MD 20646

Dear Commissioner Smith:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Hughesville Manor community regarding the proposed sound barrier along southbound MD 5, adjacent to the community, in Charles County. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department, 15245 Prince Frederick Road, Hughesville, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the placement of the proposed sound barrier and to obtain concurrence from at least 75 percent of the impacted homeowners. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any additional questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, SHA's Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,


Parker F. Williams
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November 26, 2001

The Honorable Theodore J. Sophocleus
Maryland House of Delegates
214 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Sophocleus:

This is a follow-up to your letter regarding an extension of the existing sound barrier protecting the Crestwood community along the outer loop of I-695 south of the I-695/MD 295 interchange in Anne Arundel County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your questions.

You asked: "How long ago did some of the residents make the request not to go farther along I-695?" Our records indicate that 80 percent of the affected residents in the Crestwood community were in favor of the placement of the sound barrier. Our records indicate, however, that one or more property owners would have had to make right-of-way donations for the placement of the sound barrier. Three property owners indicated their desire to not have the sound barrier extend onto their properties. In letters dated April 26, 1989, the State Highway Administration (SHA) requested that Mr. William DeCoursey, owner of 5901 Medora Road, Linthicum Maryland, and Mr. Joseph DeCoursey, owner of 5903 Medora Road, Linthicum Maryland, indicate that they were or were not in favor of the sound barrier for the Crestwood community being constructed at their respective properties. Both Messrs. DeCoursey signed their letters and indicated that they were *not* in favor of having the sound barrier at their properties. Copies of these signed letters are enclosed.

You also asked: "Has the State of Maryland done further studies in that area to determine the viability of a sound barrier extension?" The SHA has not done further studies in this area, primarily because one or more of the property owners who had previously indicated that they did not wish to have the sound barrier at their property are still owners of those properties.

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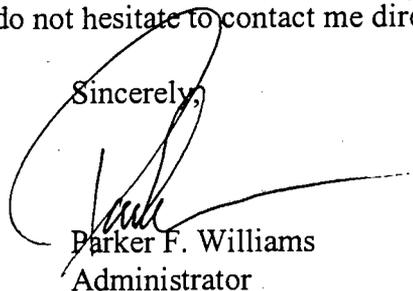
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Thank you again for your letter and continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. I regret that I cannot provide a positive response. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader at 410-545-8599, 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at jhade@sha.state.md.us. He will be happy to assist you. Of course, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

- cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
- James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
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April 26, 1989

Mr. William DeCoursey
5901 Medora Road
Linthicum, Maryland 21090

Dear Mr. DeCoursey:

Thank you for your attendance and participation at the recent meeting concerning the proposed I-695 noise abatement project in the vicinity of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway interchange.

As discussed and as part of this project, we will use earth to fill in the gap of the embankment on your property. This will require your permission which our Right of Way personnel will ask of you.

In addition, you indicated at this meeting that you are not in favor of a noise wall at your property. If this is still your position, I ask that you sign one copy of this letter and return it to me in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams unk

Charles B. Adams, Chief
Landscape Architecture Division

CBA/EJM/eh

cc: Mr. Ken Brury

No! I do not want a noise wall at my property.

Wm E. DeCoursey

Please Sign

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April 26, 1989

Mr. Joseph DeCoursey
5903 Medora Road
Linthicum, Maryland 21090

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You indicated at this meeting that you are not in favor of a noise wall at your property. If this is still your position, I ask that you sign one copy of this letter and return it to me in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

Sincerely,

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Charles B. Adams, Chief
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Joseph DeCoursey

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Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 11-12-2001 (dated) letter from Del. Sophocleus to
Mr. Charles Adams requesting clarification on two points from 10-15-2001 letter to Mr. E.
Adams Tillett, Jr.

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Enclosures:

One copy (each) of letters signed by Messrs. William and Joseph DeCoursey, owners of 5901
and 5903 Medora Road, respectively, indicating that they were not in favor of having a sound
barrier on their respective properties

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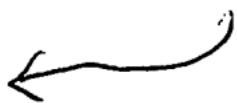
Charlie -

The moose team
has a copy of this.

Woops---

what happened to

"Mr."



Jim: Have/are you
preparing a response?

Charlie

THEODORE J. SOPHOCLEUS
Legislative District 32
Anne Arundel County

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The Maryland House of Delegates

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

November 12, 2001

Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration
Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design
P.O. Box 717
Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

Subject: Crestwood Community Sound Barrier

Dear Adams:

Thank you for the copy of your correspondence to Mr. E. Adams Tillett, Jr., dated October 15, 2001. I have enclosed a copy of the letter for your convenience.

This is a request for answers to the following questions relating to paragraph four:

1. How long ago did some of the residents make the request not to go farther along I-695.
2. Has the State of Maryland done further studies in that area to determine the viability of a sound barrier extension?

I look forward to your reply and wish to thank you for all the never ending hard-work done by the Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

Ted Sophocleus
Theodore J. Sophocleus

Incl: a/s

cc: Mr. E. Adams Tillett, Jr.



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October 15, 2001

Mr. E. Adams Tillett, Jr.
5909 Medora Road
Linthicum Heights MD 21090-2023

Dear Mr. Tillett:

This letter is a follow-up to your telephone conversation with Mr. Ted Severe, of our staff regarding an extension to the existing sound barrier protecting the Crestwood community along the outer loop of I-695 south of the I-695/MD 295 interchange in Anne Arundel County. I appreciate your patience and the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. We do so to comply with environmental laws that were passed in the 1970s that require the evaluation of a range of potential environmental impacts, including noise. Under these laws, SHA performs an environmental analysis to determine if future noise levels will equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels and will increase by at least three decibels over the condition of *not* improving the highway, and, if so, whether those noise levels can be reduced for a reasonable cost. Affected homes must predate the approval of the highway improvements. The basis for the requirement of a minimum of a three decibel change is that the human ear can only begin to discern sound level changes between three and five decibels.

When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—a community that predates the original highway may be considered for a "Type II," or "retrofit," barrier. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. All of the following technical criteria must be met for a barrier to be approved: the majority of homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold; and an effective barrier must be able to be built for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If these criteria are met, the County in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of noise on new residential development, and the County must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

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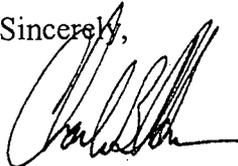
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The State Highway Administration constructed a sound barrier for the Crestwood community that runs adjacent to the ramp from the northbound Baltimore-Washington Parkway (MD 295) from Chestnut Oak Lane along MD 295 up and along the ramp and down I-695 to approximately the end of Fountain Drive. The existing sound barrier, as originally designed, was intended to go farther along I-695 but several homeowners did not wish to have the sound barrier adjacent to their properties and the barrier was ended at its present location.

Thank you for your telephone call and interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. I regret that I cannot provide a positive response. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact, until November 1, Ms. Natalie Hardy, also of our staff, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. After November 1, please contact Mr. James Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at jhade@sha.state.md.us. They will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

- cc: The Honorable Pamela G. Beidle, Member, Anne Arundel County Council
- The Honorable James E. DeGrange, Sr., Member, Senate of Maryland
- James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
- The Honorable Mary Ann Love, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
- Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design,
State Highway Administration
- The Honorable James E. Rzepkowski, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
- Mr. T.E. Severe, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
- The Honorable Theodore J. Sophocleus, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
- Mr. Greg Welker, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Richard H. Trainor
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Hal Kassoff
Administrator



Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration

April 26, 1989

Mr. Joseph DeCoursey
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Linthicum, Maryland 21090

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Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams _{UNK}

Charles B. Adams, Chief
Landscape Architecture Division

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No! I do not want a noise wall
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Joseph DeCoursey

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Landscape Architecture Division

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cc: Mr. Ken Drury

No! I do not want a noise wall at my property.

William E. DeCoursey

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June 12, 1989

NOISE BARRIER
BUILD/NO BUILD
CONCURRENCE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Hal Kassoff
Administrator

THROUGH: Mr. Bob B. Myers, Chief Engineer
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Director, Office of
Planning and Preliminary Engineering

FROM: Mr. Charles B. Adams
Mr. Louis H. Ege, Jr.
Co-Chairmen, Standing Committee on Traffic
Noise Barriers

SUBJECT: Contract No.: AA 407-501-524
F.A.P. No.: AC-IR-695-6(252)25
Type II Noise Abatement
Interstate Route 695
From Hammonds Ferry Road to South of the
Baltimore/Washington Parkway
PDMS No.: 021048

The Standing Committee on Traffic Noise Barriers has reviewed the criteria for noise barriers on the subject contract to determine build or no build recommendations.

BARRIER LOCATION: (One section only)

- Along northbound B/W Parkway from Hammonds Ferry Road, extending along ramp from northbound B/W Parkway to eastbound I-695, to approximately 700' south of ramp.

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Mr. Hal Kassoff
June 12, 1989
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NOISE LEVELS: (values shown are maximum levels)

Existing Leq. Levels	Insertion Loss*
69 dBA	11 dBA

* - noise reduction

COST/RESIDENCE:

Est. Cost ¹	Residences ²	Cost/residence
\$1,290,000	32	\$ 40,313

¹ - cost based on \$27 per square foot.

² - impacted and receiving a minimum 5 dBA noise reduction.

COMMENTS

Noise impacted community existed prior to the completion of I-695.

Balloting from the community has shown 80% of the affected residents favor the project. At meetings held with residents on Medora and Viewing Avenues, the three property owners where additional right-of-way would have been required to construct an effective barrier indicated their desire not to have the noise barrier extend onto their property.

RECOMMENDATION:

- Barrier be funded for construction.

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June 12, 1989
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Concurrence Recommended:

Chief Engineer Date

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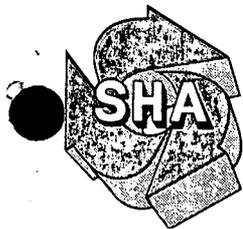
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Mr. Bob B. Myers
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Mr. Robert D. Douglass
Mr. Anthony M. Capizzi
Mr. Charles B. Adams
Mr. Louis H. Ege. Jr

Ms. Cynthia Simpson
Mr. Melvin Stickles
Mr. Eugene J. Miller, Jr.
Mr. Kenneth D. Polcak
Mr. Mark Duvall



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October 10, 2001

The Honorable Theodore J. Sophocleus
Maryland House of Delegates
214 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Sophocleus:

Thank you for attending the September 25 informational meeting hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Quarterfield Elementary School, regarding the proposed sound barrier for the Glen Burnie Park community along eastbound MD 174 in the southeast quadrant of the I-97/MD 174 interchange in Anne Arundel County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information from the meeting.

The SHA is following-up with those homeowners who were unable to attend the meeting by providing them with the materials distributed at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for the twelve residences that will be impacted by high levels of traffic noise anticipated to occur because of the improvements to MD 174. We also need to determine that at least 75 percent of the twelve impacted property owners approve of the sound barrier placement. There were approximately six homeowners present.

Several issues were brought up at the meeting regarding the potential for reflection of aircraft noise off of the proposed barrier, if the proposed barrier could be constructed before the highway improvements, and the possibility of landscaping on the residential side of the barrier. These issues will be researched and, once the results of the research are determined, the information will be forwarded to you. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the distributed materials: the meeting's Agenda; an Information Sheet, listing typical noises in the environment; a Plan Sheet, showing the sound barrier location, current noise levels, and proposed noise level reduction; Cross-Section View of the community; a Plan Sheet, showing the MD 174 over I-97 Bridge Replacement project area; and a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*. Also, for those homeowners that are impacted by highway noise, we have included a postage-paid ballot for them to indicate their approval or disapproval of the proposed sound barrier project.

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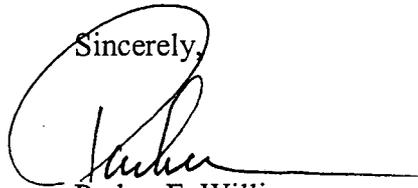
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Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
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Enclosures:

One copy each of the following:

The meeting's *Agenda*

Sound information sheet

Site Plan for Glen Burnie Park community showing alignment of the proposed barrier, the impacted and benefited homes, current noise levels and proposed noise abatement

Cross-Sections of the Glen Burnie Park community

Plan Sheet showing overall MD 174 over I-97 Bridge Replacement

Ballot/Voting Card (only for impacted property owners)



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September 5, 2001

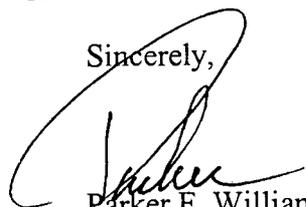
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Dear Delegate Sophocleus:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the Glen Burnie Park community regarding the proposed sound barrier along eastbound MD 174, in the southeast quadrant of the I-97/MD 174 interchange, in Anne Arundel County. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2001, from 7:15 to 9 p.m., in the multi-purpose room of the Quarterfield Elementary School, 7967 Quarterfield Road, Severn, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the placement of the proposed sound barrier and to obtain concurrence from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

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August 29, 2001

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Maryland House of Delegates
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Dear Delegate Sophocleus:

Thank you for your most recent letter to Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, regarding highway traffic noise and the sound barrier construction along the outer loop of MD 695, between I-97 and I-895, in Anne Arundel County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this additional information.

Recently, Ms. Revone Gifford, Leasing Specialist for the Willows apartment complex, contacted the State Highway Administration (SHA). She asked SHA to extend the sound barrier, which is being constructed for the Harris Heights community. The June 26 letter you referenced explained that this barrier is intended to protect the Harris Heights community from the noise impact it will experience as the result of the expansion of MD 695. The Willows apartments, on the other hand, will not experience an adverse noise impact from this widening. This is because the project will not increase traffic capacity along the ramp from MD 695 to I-895 and because the distance of the apartment complex from MD 695 naturally allows sound to attenuate.

You asked, "How does that eliminate the noise problem?" The answer is that our Sound Barrier Program is not intended to address all noise problems. Rather, the State's responsibility is to mitigate noise impacts that it causes to existing communities. Once the existence of a highway or of an expansion project is known, developments that are built afterwards are not eligible for our program.

You also asked why the State did not object to the development. Traditionally, land use has been considered a local issue, with decisions being made on the local level. The role of SHA has been to review planned developments for their potential impacts on highway safety along State-maintained roads and to recommend ways in which the developer can minimize or eliminate those impacts.

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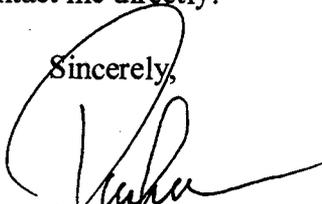
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Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
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August 21, 2001

The Honorable Theodore Sophocleus
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Dear Delegate Sophocleus:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, regarding highway traffic noise and the sound barrier construction along the outer loop of MD 695 between I-97 and I-895 in Anne Arundel County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this additional information.

Recently, the State Highway Administration (SHA) was contacted by Ms. Revone Gifford, Leasing Specialist for the Willow Apartment complex. Ms. Gifford asked if SHA would extend the sound barrier being constructed for the Harris Heights community to provide protection to the Willows Apartment complex. The June 26 letter you referenced was sent to explain that the sound barrier for the Harris Heights community was being built because of the noise impact that would result from the expansion of MD 695.

The expansion of MD 695 will not result in an adverse noise impact on the Willow Apartment complex, as no additional traffic capacity will result along the ramp from MD 695 to I-895 and the distance of the apartment complex from MD 695. SHA did perform an evaluation to determine if the Willow Apartments complex would be eligible for our Type II, or retrofit Sound Barrier Program. One of the key criteria for eligibility is that the majority of the impacted homes must predate the construction of the adjacent highway. The investigation determined the Willows Apartments were constructed in 1969, after the 1957 opening date of the connection between MD 895 to MD 2 as well as the 1962 opening date for MD 695. Based on this information, the Willows Apartments complex cannot be considered for a Type II sound barrier because the area postdates the highway construction.

You asked, "How does that eliminate the noise problem?" The intent of the improvements to MD 695 in this vicinity is to minimize weaving and improve safety along this section of the beltway. The reduction of noise levels as a result of the improvements was justified for the Harris Heights community. As for the Willow Apartment complex, there is no opportunity for the State to provide noise protection through our sound barrier program. Even though there may be high levels of noise from traffic on I-895, no additional noise impact from the expansion of MD 695 will result and we cannot consider extending the sound barrier, as requested.

The Honorable Theodore Sophocleus
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Sincerely,

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August 13, 2001

Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration
P.O. Box 717
Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717
Attn: Mr. Charles B. Adams
Director, Office of Environmental Design

Dear Mr. Adams:

To reference your letter to Ms. Revone Gifford, dated June 26, 2001, regarding the extension of the sound barrier under construction along the outer loop of MD 695 between I-97 and I-895 in Anne Arundel County, if I follow the reasoning of your explanation, how does that eliminate the noise problem? How does this diminish the health concern that might arise?

When these highways were planned, most were considerably less traveled and usually contained less lanes. If in fact the final project was considered to be a noise problem, why did the State not object to the development?

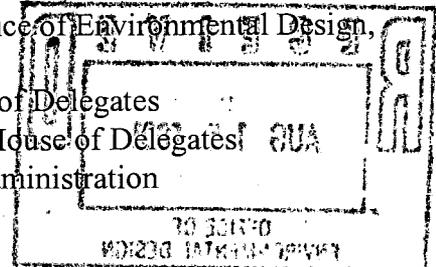
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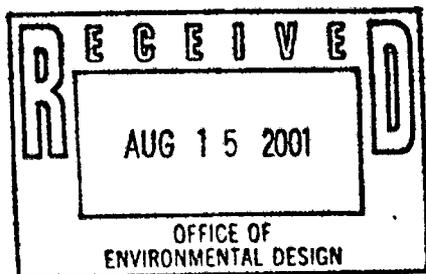
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cc: Ms. Revone Gifford
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June 26, 2001

Ms. Revone Gifford
Leasing Specialist
The Willows Apartments
116B Warwickshire Lane
Glen Burnie MD 21061-5694

Dear Ms. Gifford:

This letter is a follow-up to your recent telephone conversations with Ms. Natalie Hardy and Mr. Ted Severe, of our staff, regarding the extension of the sound barrier under construction along the outer loop of MD 695 between I-97 and I-895 in Anne Arundel County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. We do so to comply with environmental laws that were passed in the 1970s that require the evaluation of a range of potential environmental impacts, including noise. Under these laws, SHA performs an environmental analysis to determine if future noise levels will increase by at least 3 decibels as a result of constructing the improvements over not constructing the improvements, whether the future noise levels will equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels and, if so, whether those noise levels can be reduced for a reasonable cost. Affected homes must predate the approval of the highway improvements.

The sound barrier currently under construction near the Willows Apartments area is being constructed as a result of the lane addition to MD 695 adjacent to the Harris Heights community. This sound barrier is located along eastbound I-695 and will mitigate the increased noise levels for homes located along Cedar, Cherry, and Locust Avenues. The closest residence to the Willows Apartment complex that was identified as being impacted by highway traffic noise from the proposed highway improvements and protected by this sound barrier is 700 Cedar Avenue. Because the capacity of the MD 895 connection to MD 2 was not increased, the Willows Apartments were not considered for a sound barrier under the Type I sound barrier program.

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When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—a community that predates the original highway may be considered for a “Type II,” or “retrofit,” barrier. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. All of the following technical criteria must be met for a barrier to be approved: the majority of homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold; and an effective barrier must be able to be built for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If these criteria are met, the County in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of noise on new residential development, and the County must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

The State Highway Administration has evaluated the Willows Apartments area to determine if it meets all of the technical criteria for a Type II sound barrier as outlined above. Our investigation determined that the Willows Apartments were constructed in 1969, that the MD 895 connection to MD 2 was opened in 1957, and that MD 695 was opened in 1962. Based on this information, the Willows Apartments area cannot be considered for a Type II sound barrier because it postdates MD 895 and MD 695.

Thank you for your telephone call and interest in the State’s Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Hardy at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

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The Honorable Paul S. Stull
Maryland House of Delegates
2813 Raleigh Road
Walkersville MD 21783-8006

Dear Paul:

The State Highway Administration is continuing its review of communities in Frederick County to determine their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Town of New Market meets the technical requirements for a State-funded sound barrier. A sound barrier to reduce noise levels for those homes adjacent to I-70 would extend from the ramp at the I-70/MD 75 interchange westward for approximately 5,900 feet.

Quality of life issues, such as sound barriers, have been and continue to be one of the cornerstones of this Administration. Whether the issue is highway noise or improving our neighborhoods, we strive to provide the best quality of living for our citizens. Major investments in sound barriers have been made during the past six years and will continue to be made as we work to provide relief to communities affected by highway noise.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. John D. Porcari, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation at 410-865-1000. He will be happy to assist you. Of course, do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
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cc: Mr. John D. Porcari, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
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December 31, 2001

The Honorable Frank S. Turner
Maryland House of Delegates
209 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Turner: *Frank*

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Hammond Hills/Patuxent Springs/Lyons Hill and Murray Hill Townhouses/Hammond Hills communities regarding the proposed sound barrier along the north side of relocated MD 216 between US 29 and Leishear Road in Howard County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2002, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barriers proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of barriers from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners that would benefit from the barriers. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes would experience a 10 decibel increase in highway noise levels over the existing conditions, and also those whose homes will experience highway noise levels of 66 decibels or greater from the new highway. The purpose of the vote will be to obtain agreement on the construction of sound barriers in order that we may proceed with the design of barriers.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting, approximately 7 to 10 days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting.

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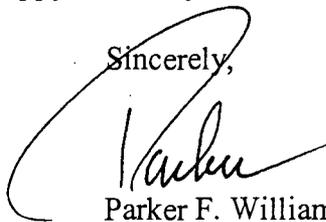
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Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader at 410-545-8599, 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at jhade@sha.state.md.us. He will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



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November 26, 2001

The Honorable Frank S. Turner
Maryland House of Delegates
209 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Turner:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for several of the communities along the eastbound segment of the proposed relocated MD 216 (Scaggsville Road), between US 29 and I-95, regarding the proposed sound barriers along MD 216 in Howard County. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Banneker Room, located on the first floor of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City Maryland. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss the placement of the proposed sound barriers and to obtain concurrence from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners. Displays will be available from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader at 410-545-8599, 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at jhade@sha.state.md.us. He will be happy to assist you.

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November 14, 2001

The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen, Jr.
Senate of Maryland
Miller Senate Building, 3 West
B+T Vice-Chair
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Van Hollen:

This letter is a follow-up to the May 15 letter to several residents of the Rock Creek Hills community regarding the status of the sound barrier evaluation for their community along the outer loop of I-495 between Stoneybrook Drive and Connecticut Avenue in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the results of this evaluation.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—a community that predates the original highway may be considered for a "Type II," or "retrofit," barrier. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. All of the following technical criteria must be met for a barrier to be approved: the majority of homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold; and an effective barrier must be able to be built for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If these criteria are met, the County in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of noise on new residential development, and the County must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

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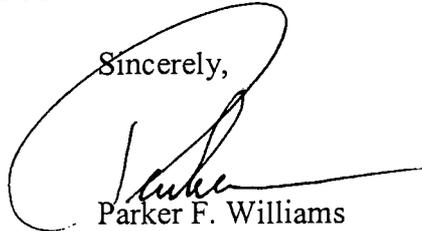
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The SHA has completed its evaluation of the Rock Creek Hills community for consideration for a Type II sound barrier under the State's Sound Barrier Program. We have determined that ten homes in the community are receiving highway traffic noise levels of 66 decibels or more. As part of the analysis, we considered several sound barrier alternatives, all of which would be located along the shoulder of the outer loop of I-495. All of the alternatives would be effective, though the lowest cost options would only provide minimally acceptable levels of noise reduction. The two most effective options (providing the primary design goal of a noise reduction of 10 decibels) would benefit 27 or 30 homes, respectively, with the cost-per-residence ranging between \$60,355 and \$65,837, respectively. Total estimated costs ranged from \$1,629,600 to \$1,975,100. Our maximum cost-per-residence criterion is \$50,000 per benefiting residence and *all* of the barrier alternatives for Rock Creek Hills community would exceed this criterion. Based on this information, the Rock Creek Hills community does not meet all of the eligibility criteria for a sound barrier.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. I regret that I cannot provide a positive response. If you would like to arrange a meeting to further discuss the results of our evaluation, we would be happy to do so. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader at 410-545-8599, 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at jhade@sha.state.md.us. He will be happy to assist you. Of course, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

- cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
- James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design,
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- Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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June 25, 2001

The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen, Jr.
Senate of Maryland
Miller Senate Building, 3 West
B+T Vice-Chair
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Van Hollen *Chris*

This letter is a follow-up to the June 11, 2001 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Woodlin Elementary School, regarding the proposed sound barrier for the Forest Glen Park community along the inner loop of I-495 from Jones Mill Road to the Linden Lane overpass in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information from the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for those residences that are receiving high levels of traffic-noise, and to determine that at least 75 percent of those impacted property owners approve of the sound barrier placement. There were 25 homeowners present at the meeting. The SHA has followed up with those homeowners who were unable to attend the meeting by providing them with copies of the materials distributed at the meeting. For impacted homeowners, a voting card with pre-paid postage was included for them to indicate their approval or disapproval of the sound barrier project, and then to return it by mail to SHA. Enclosed, are copies of the materials distributed at the meeting: the agenda; an information sheet listing typical noises in the environment; a plan sheet showing the sound barrier location, current noise levels, and proposed noise level reductions; cross-section views of the community; and a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*. This project is currently scheduled to begin construction in the Winter of 2001. One of the meeting's attendees expressed concerns for a drainage problem, causing the erosion of the slope that supports the highway. The current design of the drainage system allows highway runoff to percolate downward at the sound barrier, and to sheet-flow down the slope from the barrier. The percolation through a stone-filled trench will minimize the erosive capacity of the water.

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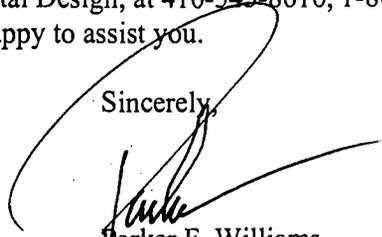
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Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, SHA's Special Assistant to our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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Enclosures:

One copy each of the following:

Meeting's *Agenda*

Sound information sheet

Site Plan for the Forest Glen Park community showing the alignment of the proposed barrier and the impacted and benefited homes

Cross-Sections of the Forest Glen Park community

MDOT/SHA brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*

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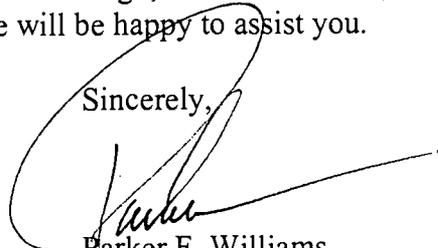
May 16, 2001

The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen, Jr.
Senate of Maryland
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11 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Van Hollen:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Forest Glen Park community regarding the proposed sound barrier along the inner loop of I-495 from Jones Mill Road to the Linden Lane overpass in Montgomery County. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2001, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Woodlin Elementary School, 2101 Luzerne Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the placement of the proposed sound barrier and to obtain concurrence from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, SHA's Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962, or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

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February 16, 2001

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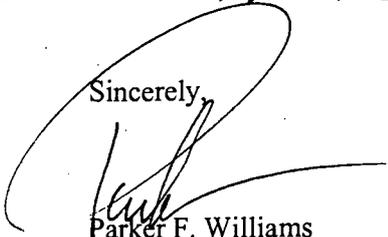
Dear Senator Van Hollen:

This letter is a follow-up to the February 9 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) regarding a sound barrier for the Outdoor Nursery School, located along the off ramp from the inner loop of I-495 to southbound Connecticut Avenue in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plan for the school, currently receiving high levels of traffic noise, and to determine if the property owner approves of the proposed sound barrier placement. There were approximately six individuals present from the Chevy Chase Recreation Association. We will follow-up with the owner, who was unable to attend the meeting, by providing copies of the materials distributed at the meeting and a ballot to vote on the project. Enclosed are copies of the distributed materials: the meeting's agenda; a plan sheet showing the sound barrier location; and a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*. Once the ballot from the owner is received, the results will be forwarded to you. Currently, this project is funded and we anticipate construction to begin this summer.

Thank you for your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, the SHA's Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,


Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosures

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Enclosures:

One copy of 02/09/2001 Meeting *Agenda*

One copy of *Plan* of sound barrier project

One copy of MDOT/SHA brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*



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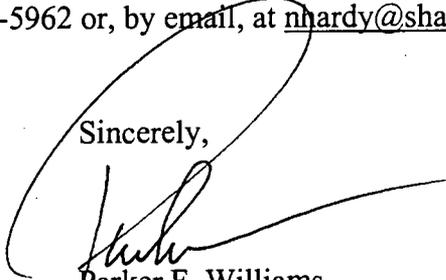
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11 Governor Bladen Boulevard
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Dear Senator Van Hollen:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the Outdoor Nursery School regarding the proposed sound barrier along the off-ramp from I-495 to southbound Connecticut Avenue in Montgomery County. This meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 9, 2001, from noon to 2 p.m., at the Outdoor Nursery School, 8922 Spring Valley Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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May 22, 2001

The Honorable Kathleen Vitale
Anne Arundel County Council
Arundel Center
P.O. Box 2700
Annapolis MD 21404-2700

Dear Councilmember Vitale:

This letter is written in response to an inquiry from Councilwoman Barbara A. Samorajczyk, on behalf of the Anne Arundel County Council, concerning the match requirement for the sound barrier project along US 50 from Ridgely Avenue to the Severn River. Recently, the State Highway Administration provided information to Anne Arundel County staff indicating that the match requirement would be \$1,000,081. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.

Our preliminary estimated construction cost was \$3.8 million, which would require a 20 percent cost share of \$770,000 from Anne Arundel County. While SHA's current estimate is still within the original budget amount, we will not know the actual final cost until the project is complete. It is for this reason we suggest that the County budget funding based on the \$1,000,081 figure in the event that the project costs are ultimately higher than our estimate. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Thank you for your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth L. Horner, Deputy
Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Harvey Gold, Long Range Planning, Anne Arundel County
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The Honorable Janet S. Owens, Anne Arundel County Executive

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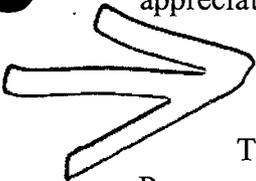
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March 19, 2001

Mr. John G. Voelker
Senior Budget Analyst
State of Maryland
Office of Capital Budgeting
301 West Preston Street, Room 1209
Baltimore MD 21201-2305
Johnv@dbm.state.md.us

Dear Mr. Voelker:

This letter is a follow-up to your recent e-mail messages regarding sound barriers along the inner loop of I-695 from Charles Street to east of Providence Road in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.



Thank you for your e-mail messages and your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our staff, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

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To: JIM HADE
Date: 3/19/01 10:42AM
Subject: Sound barriers at Providence Road (Barrier Forward)

Team mates:

The attached has been automatically forwarded to you from the Sound Barrier Web Page.

Thanks
Jim

CC: KEN POLCAK; NATALIE HARDY; TED SEVERE

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From: "John Voelker" <johnv@dbm.state.md.us>
To: <barrier@sha.state.md.us>
Date: 3/19/01 10:42AM
Subject: Sound barriers at Providence Road

Will the construction of sound barriers along I-695 inner loop extend beyond Charles Street to that section of the beltway east beyond the exit to Providence Road?

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To: <barrier@sha.state.md.us>
Date: 3/19/01 10:54AM
Subject: I-695 Sound Barriers

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Can you advise when or if sound barriers are to be installed along the inner loop of I-695 from Charles Street to Providence Road and beyond?

Thank you.

John Voelker

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August 15, 2001

The Honorable David W. Warrington
Town Administrator
The Town of Cheverly
6401 Forest Road
Cheverly MD 20785-3197

Dear Mr. Warrington:

This is a follow-up to your letter to Mr. Charlie Watkins, State Highway Administration District Engineer, regarding a sound barrier along John Hanson Highway (US 50) in the vicinity of Landover Road (MD 202) and Columbia Park Road in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. We do so to comply with environmental laws that were passed in the 1970s that require the evaluation of a range of potential environmental impacts, including noise. Under these laws, SHA performs an environmental analysis to determine if future noise levels will equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels and, if so, whether those noise levels can be reduced for a reasonable cost. Affected homes must predate the approval of the highway improvements.

When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—a community that predates the original highway may be considered for a "Type II," or "retrofit," barrier. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. All of the following technical criteria must be met for a barrier to be approved: the majority of homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold; and an effective barrier must be able to be built for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If these criteria are met, the County in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of noise on new residential development, and the County must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

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The proposed ramp and acceleration lane along US 50 is less than one mile in length. As a result of this limited scope, this project does not add through capacity to the existing roadway and does not require a noise analysis. The eastbound on-ramp will serve to decrease the amount of truck traffic on residential streets, thereby reducing noise levels inside the community.

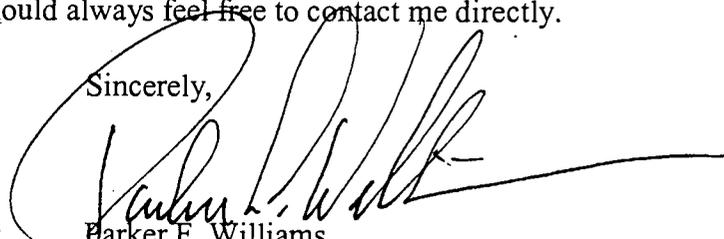
The Cheverly area has been analyzed for a sound barrier under the Type II program. The area directly adjacent to eastbound Landover Road and westbound US 50, along Oak Street, contains a group of homes that do predate the 1958 dualization of US 50 and were studied in 1999. Although three homes were found to be impacted by highway noise, the cost of a barrier to protect them was nearly \$68,000 per home, which exceeds our "reasonable cost" criterion.

The majority of homes along westbound US 50, south or west of Oak Street to Belleview Parkway, including the homes along Cedar Street, Forest Road, Wayne Place, and Cheverly Park Drive, were constructed after the 1958 dualization of US 50. This area cannot, therefore, be considered for a sound barrier under the State's Type II program because the area postdates the dualization of US 50.

It appears that the majority of homes along Arbor Street were constructed before the dualization of US 50 and are currently being analyzed for a sound barrier. We expect to have this analysis completed by the end of October and would be happy to forward the results to you.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. I regret that I cannot provide a more positive response. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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April 30, 2001

Mr. Charlie Watkins
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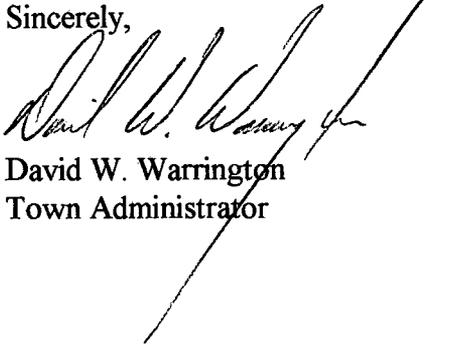
Dear Mr. Watkins:

I am writing on behalf of the Cheverly Town Council regarding sound barriers along John Hanson Highway, Route 50.

The Town Council is requesting the installation of such barriers to abut the properties within the town's corporate limits. Specifically, the area from Landover Road, Route 202, and Columbia Park Road where there are numerous residential units is impacted by the noise of the roadway. With the pending construction of the eastbound access ramp, to Route 50, from Columbia Park Road we believe this will increase the existing decibel levels to the previously mentioned area.

Your consideration of this matter will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



David W. Warrington
Town Administrator

cc: Mayor and Town Council

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**SOUND BARRIER
BUILD / NO BUILD
CONCURRENCE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mr. Parker F. Williams
Administrator

THROUGH: Mr. Neil J. Pedersen
Deputy Administrator for
Planning and Engineering

FROM: Mr. Charles B. Adams
Ms. Cynthia Simpson
Co-Chair, Standing Committee on Traffic Sound Barriers

DATE: November 6, 2000

SUBJECT: **Community of Cheverly, Prince George's County**

US Route 50 (John Hanson Highway) Westbound in the Northeastern Quadrant of the Columbia Park Road (MD 459) Overpass

The Standing Committee on Traffic Sound Barriers has reviewed the criteria for a sound barrier for the subject community to determine a build or no build recommendation.

As shown on Attachment 1, the Community of Cheverly is located along the westbound lanes of US Route 50 and extends from 1,300' east of the Columbia Park Road Overpass to the Overpass. As identified in Attachment 2, the Cheverly Community is comprised of twenty-six single-family residential properties, four vacant privately owned properties and numerous publicly owned vacant properties. Four of the residential properties on Arbor Street are comprised of two or more lots, and the four vacant privately owned properties are comprised of six individual lots that are not served by a formal roadway. Twenty-four of the Community's twenty-six residential properties predate US Route 50's 1954 Highway System Date.

As identified in Attachment 3, the highway noise analysis of the Community determined that nine first-row residential properties are impacted by noise generated by US Route 50. Four of the residential properties at the northeast end of Arbor Street are minimally impacted (66 dBA) by US Route 50. The five impacted residential properties near the Cheverly Avenue and Columbia Park Road intersection experience a higher peak hour noise level (70 dBA). However, noise levels exceed 66 dBA only due to the contribution from Cheverly Avenue, and the residences are only minimally impacted by US Route 50. The following chart summarizes the Community's Impact, Barrier Benefit and Cost Data:

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IMPACT DATA

• Number of impacted residences	9
• Number of residences that pre-date the highway	9
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• Percent that pre-date highway	100 %
• Number of residences receiving \geq 72 dBA	0

BARRIER BENEFIT DATA

• Number of impacted residences receiving 3 dBA or greater benefit ¹	9
• Number of non-impacted residences receiving 5 dBA or greater benefit ²	13
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• Total number of benefiting residences	22
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• Number of impacted residences receiving 7 - 10 dBA benefit	Unknown

COST DATA

• Estimated sound barrier square feet ³	53,800 sf
• Estimated sound barrier linear feet ³	2,690 lf
• Estimated sound barrier average height in feet ³	20.00 f
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• Estimated Sound barrier cost at \$16.54 per square foot	\$ 889,900
• Sound barrier cost per residence	\$ 40,450
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• Estimated sound barrier base construction cost at \$27.00 per square foot	\$ 1,450,000
• 20% contingency cost	\$ 290,000
• Total estimated sound barrier cost (includes estimated sound barrier base construction cost plus the 20% contingency cost)	\$ 1,740,000
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• County share (20% of total construction cost)	\$ 350,000
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Reported estimated construction cost in the December 1997 <u>Secretary's Report</u>	Not Reported
Reported estimated construction cost in the July 1999 <u>Director's Type II Sound Barrier Eligibility Report</u>	Not Reported

¹ It is estimated that all impacted residences would benefit from a reasonably designed barrier.

² It is estimated that all non-impacted first-row residences would benefit from a reasonably designed barrier.

³ No formal Sound Barrier Analysis was conducted. The Preliminary Sound Barrier Analysis was conducted based on evaluating the May 17, 2000 Highway Noise Analysis Report, USGS topographic mapping and typical design standards.

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COMMENTS

- The Preliminary Sound Barrier Analysis was conducted by the Office of Environmental Design's Noise Team. The analysis was based on evaluating the May 17, 2000 Highway Noise Analysis Report prepared by The Wilson T. Ballard Company. In addition, USGS topographic mapping and typical design standards were utilized.
- The estimated sound barrier length is 2,690 feet with an average height of 20.0 feet, and totals 53,800 square feet.
- It is estimated that the sound barrier would benefit nine impacted and thirteen non-impacted first-row residences located on Cheverly Avenue, Arbor Street and Parkway. However, based on the information described in the May 17, 2000 Highway Noise Analysis Report, a sound barrier would not significantly reduce the noise levels at the western end of the Community because of the noise generated by Cheverly Avenue. In addition, the residences on Arbor Street and Parkway would only experience minor benefits from a reasonably designed sound barrier because of their distance from the US Route 50.

FEASIBILITY

- There are no apparent feasibility issues related to the construction of a sound barrier for the Community of Cheverly.

RECOMMENDATION

- The sound barrier for the Community of Cheverly **does not meet the technical cost criteria** for the Type II Program. Therefore, the Standing Committee on Traffic Sound Barriers **does not recommend** that it be added to the Program's list of qualifying communities.

FUTURE ACTION NEEDED

- Notify Prince George's County that the Cheverly Community does not meet Sound Barrier Policy's Technical Cost Criteria for the Type II Program.

FUNDING STATUS

- Design: Not Applicable
 - Construction: Not Applicable
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Previous Type I Decisions

- Type I Denial: Not Applicable

Previous Type II Decisions

- Type II Denial: Not Applicable

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Concurrence Recommended:

Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering	Date
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Concurrence:

Administrator	Date
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Enclosures

- cc: Mr. Robert D. Douglass
Mr. Mark Duvall
Mr. Fred Eisen
Mr. James D. Hade
Ms. Natalie B. Hardy
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Mr. Matthew G. Mann
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Mr. Kenneth D. Polcak
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Mr. Melvin Stickle

Noise Customer Numbers: 1915 and 2133

Cheverly Community
Prince George's County, Maryland

US Route 50

Attachment 1

Community Location Map

Maryland State Highway Administration

Cheverly Community
Prince George's County, Maryland

US Route 50

Attachment 2

Construction Date and Noise Impacted Table

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Community Property Map

Maryland State Highway Administration

CHEVERLY COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION DATE AND NOISE IMPACT TABLE

Ref. No.	Address	Predate Year Built	Post-Date Year Built	Ownership	Impacted
1	2301 Bellview Avenue Block B - Lot 30	1910		Private	Yes
2	2303 Bellview Avenue Block B - Lot 31 & 32	1951		Private	No
3	2305 Bellview Avenue Block B - Lot 33		1986	Private	No
4	2307 Bellview Avenue Block B - Lot 34		1986	Private	No
5	2309 Bellview Avenue Block B - Lot 35	1936		Private	No
6	2200 Cheverly Avenue Block B - Lot 29	1923		Private	Yes
7	2202 Cheverly Avenue Block B - Lot 27 & 28	1923		Private	Yes
8	2204 Cheverly Avenue Block B - Lot 26	1954		Private	Yes
9	2206 Cheverly Avenue Block B - Lot 25	1945		Private	Yes
10	2208 Cheverly Avenue Block B - Lot 24	1942		Private	No
11	2210 Cheverly Avenue Block B - Lot 23	1951		Private	No
12	2212 Cheverly Avenue Block B - Lot 22	1947		Private	No
13	2214 Cheverly Avenue Block B - Lot 21	1948		Private	No
14	2216 Cheverly Avenue Block B - Lot 20	1954		Private	No
15	Block D Cheverly Avenue Block D - Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4			Town of Cheverly	Vacant
16	2209 Cheverly Avenue Block D - Lot 5	1953		Private	No
17	2211 Cheverly Avenue Block D - Lot 6	1949		Private	No
18	6103 Arbor Street Block D - Lot 7	1949		Private	No
19	6105 Arbor Street Block D - Lot 8	1940		Private	No
20	6107 Arbor Street Block D - Lot 9	1944		Private	No
21	6109 Arbor Street Block D - Lot 10	1935		Private	No
22	6111 Arbor Street Block D - Lot 11	1939		Private	No
23	6113 Arbor Street Block D - Lots 12, 21 & 22	1920		Private	Yes
24	6115 Arbor Street Block D - Lots 13 & 20	1940		Private	Yes
25	6117 Arbor Street Block D - Lots 14	1938		Private	Yes
26	6121 Arbor Street Block D - Lots 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19	1945		Private	Yes
27	2209 Parkway Block G - Lot 5	1923		Private	No

CHEVERLY COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION DATE TABLE (Continued)

Ref. No.	Address	Predate Year Built	Post-Date Year Built	Ownership	Impacted
28	Block G Parkway Block G - Lot 4			Private	Vacant
29	Block G Parkway Block G - Lot 3			Private	Vacant
30	Block F Parkway Block F - Lots 1 & 2			Baltimore Washington Brokerage Inc.	Vacant
31	Block F Parkway Block F - Lots 7			WSSC	Vacant
32	Block D Wayne Street Block D - Lots 27, 28, 29 & 30			Town of Cheverly	Vacant
33	Block D Wayne Street Block D - Lots 25 & 26			Private	Vacant
34	Block D Wayne Street Block D - Lots 23 & 24			Private	Vacant
35	Block G Wayne Street Block G - Lots 1 & 2			Prince George's County	Vacant
36	Block E Wayne Street Block E - Lots 2 through 20			Prince George's County	Vacant

Cheverly Community
Prince George's County, Maryland

US Route 50

Attachment 3

Community Highway Noise Analysis Map

Maryland State Highway Administration

REF. NO.	ADDRESS	PREDATE YEAR BUILT	POST-DATE YEAR BUILT
1	2301 Bellview Avenue	1910	
2	2303 Bellview Avenue	1951	
3	2305 Bellview Avenue		1986
4	2397 Bellview Avenue		1986
5	2309 Bellview Avenue	1936	
6	2200 Cheverly Avenue	1923	
7	2202 Cheverly Avenue	1923	
8	2204 Cheverly Avenue	1954	
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16	2216 Cheverly Avenue	1954	
17	6103 Arbor Street	1949	
18	6105 Arbor Street	1940	
19	6107 Arbor Street	1944	
20	6109 Arbor Street	1935	
21	6111 Arbor Street	1939	
22	6113 Arbor Street	1920	
23	6115 Arbor Street	1940	
24	6117 Arbor Street	1938	
25	6121 Arbor Street	1945	
26	2209 Parkway	1923	

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CHEVERLY COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION DATE AND IMPACT TABLE (Continued)

Ref. No.	Address	Predate Year Built	Post-Date Year Built	Ownership	Impacted	Benefited
23	6113 Arbor Street Block D - Lots 12, 21 & 22	1920		Private	Yes	Yes
24	6115 Arbor Street Block D - Lots 13 & 20	1940		Private	Yes	Yes
25	6117 Arbor Street Block D - Lots 14	1938		Private	Yes	Yes
26	6121 Arbor Street Block D - Lots 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19	1945		Private	Yes	Yes
27	2209 Parkway Block G - Lot 5	1923		Private	No	Yes
28	Block Parkway G Block G - Lot 4			Private	Vacant	Vacant
29	Block Parkway G Block G - Lot 3			Private	Vacant	Vacant
30	Block Parkway F Block F - Lots 1 & 2			Baltimore Washington Brokerage Inc.	Vacant	Vacant
31	Block Parkway F Block F - Lots 7			WSSC	Vacant	Vacant
32	Block Wayne Street D Block D - Lots 27, 28, 29 & 30			Town of Cheverly	Vacant	Vacant
33	Block Wayne Street D Block D - Lots 25 & 26			Private	Vacant	Vacant
34	Block Wayne Street D Block D - Lots 23 & 24			Private	Vacant	Vacant
35	Block Wayne Street G Block G - Lots 1 & 2			Prince George's County	Vacant	Vacant
36	Block Wayne Street E Block E - Lots 2 through 20			Prince George's County	Vacant	Vacant
Total Predating Residences		24				
Total Post-Dating Residences			2			
Total Impacted Residences					9	
Total Benefited Residences						26
Total Residences						26



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**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

April 16, 1997

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David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

RE: Project No. PG 186B11
US 50/Columbia Park Road Interchange
Prince George's County, Maryland
Request for Environmental
Classification

Mrs. Susan J. Binder
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
The Rotunda - Suite 220
711 West 40th Street
Baltimore MD 21211

Attention: Ms. Renee Sigel

Dear Mrs. Binder:

In accordance with CEQ Regulations and 23 CFR 771, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) requests your concurrence that the proposed construction of a directional ramp at the existing partial interchange of US 50 and Columbia Park Road in Prince George's County, Maryland (see figure 1) can be appropriately classified as a Categorical Exclusion (CE).

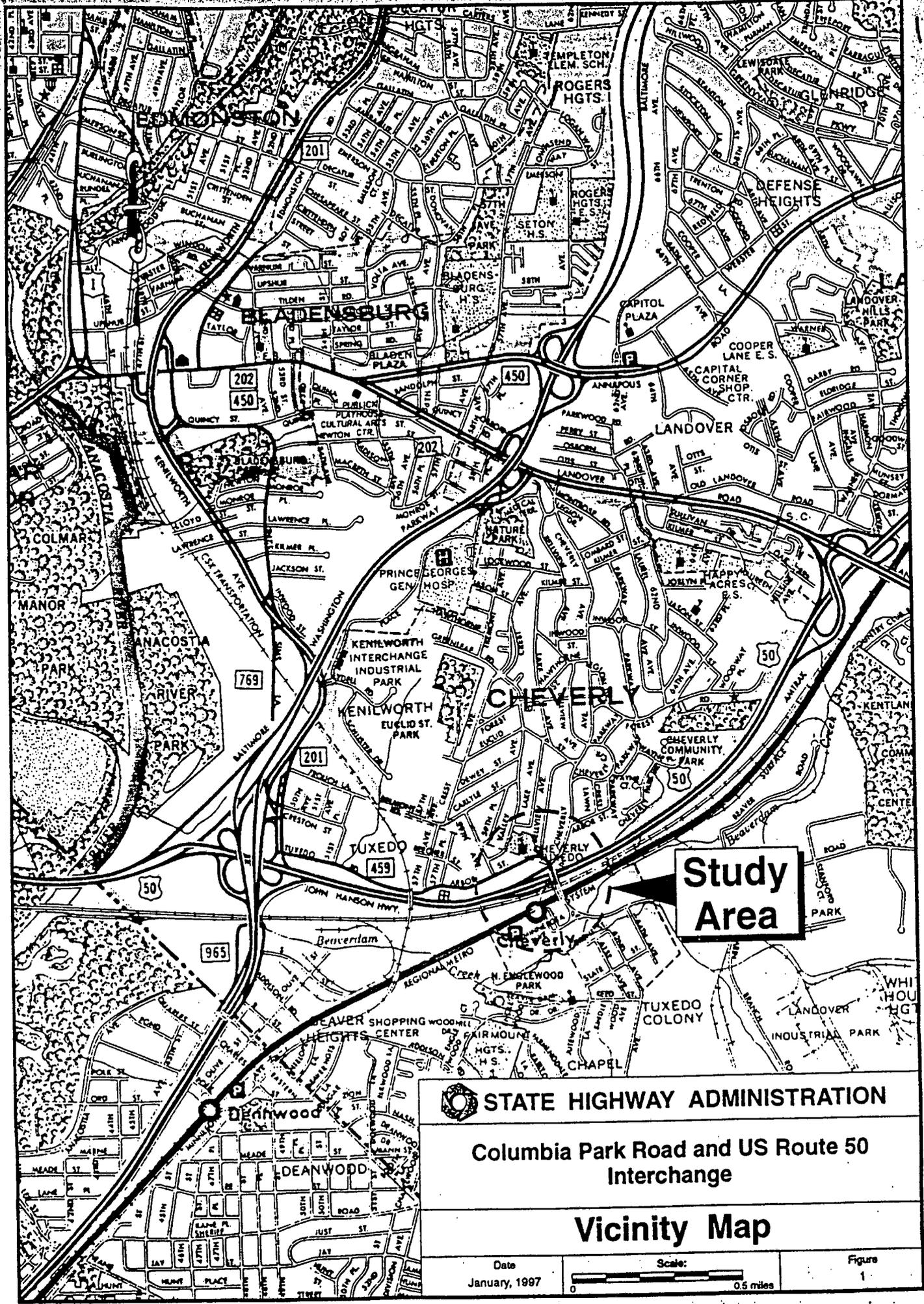
The purpose of the project is to reduce truck traffic on residential streets and to provide for more efficient transport of goods from the Columbia Park Road industrial/commercial area, thereby improving the quality of life and safety in local communities. The purpose and need for the project was presented at an Interagency Review meeting in July, 1996 and concurrence was subsequently received from all appropriate agencies.

Land use within the study area is a mix of residential, industrial and commercial uses which results in high truck volumes on the local roads. Table 1 shows the average 1995 daytime truck volumes and percentages on roadways in the study area. The existing partial interchange at Columbia Park Road and US 50 serves traffic to and from the Washington, DC area in the west, but does not provide access to or from the east. This, along with vehicle restrictions through many of the residential neighborhoods, forces trucks to use circuitous routes to access I-95 from the study area industrial parks. These circuitous routes increase travel times between I-95 and the industrial

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Columbia Park Road and US Route 50 Interchange

Vicinity Map

Date January, 1997	Scale: 0 ————— 0.5 miles	Figure 1
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parkers by between 20 and 50 percent over direct access which could be provided by construction of an additional ramp from northbound Columbia Park Road to eastbound US 50. The proposed ramp will provide direct access to eastbound US 50 and minimize truck traffic in study area neighborhoods.

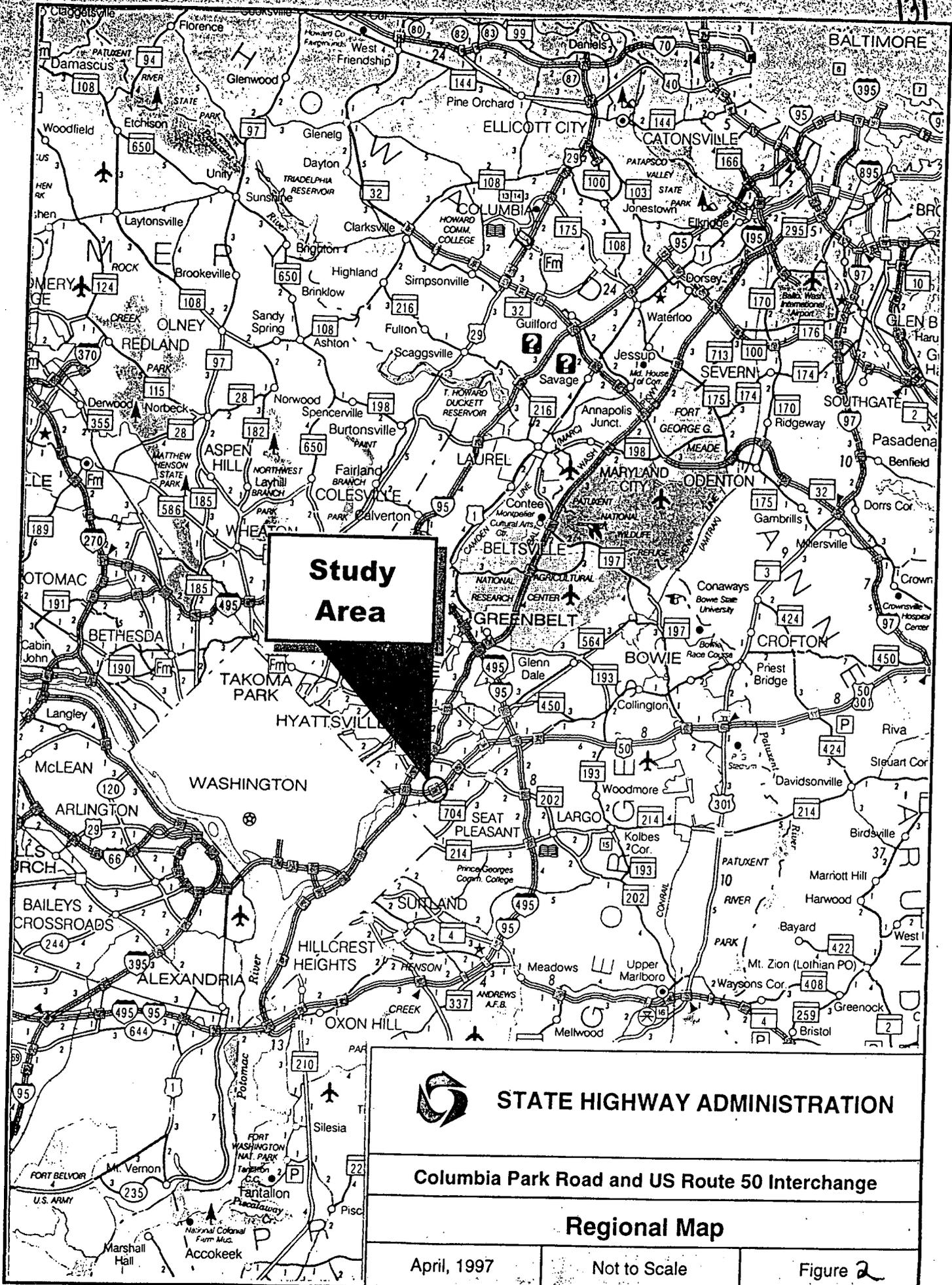
Table 1
1995 Average Daytime Truck Volumes and Percentages

Location	Volume	Percentage
Columbia Park Road (west of Cabin Branch Road)	896	6.7%
Cabin Branch Road (north of Sheriff Road)	1,197	18.5%
Sheriff Road (west of MD 704)	1,904	11.9%
MD 704 (north of Sheriff Road)	1,457	6.5%
MD 704 (north of Columbia Park Road)	1,474	7.3%

Existing US 50 within the project area consists of a four-lane divided, controlled access, open-section highway with 12-foot lanes, 10-foot outside shoulders, 4-foot inside shoulders, and a 30-foot grass median. It is classified as an Urban Freeway/Expressway on the Federal Functional Classification System and as a Principal Arterial on the State Functional Classification System. US 50 is the major east-west arterial which links Washington, DC with Annapolis, and the Eastern Shore (see figure 2).

Existing Columbia Park Road generally consists of two 10-foot lanes in each direction, with sidewalks on both sides. The section of the roadway between Minnesota Avenue and Cheverly Avenue consists of three lanes with sidewalks on both sides; two 10-foot lanes northbound and one 10-foot lane southbound. Classified as a collector on both the Federal and State Functional Classification Systems, Columbia Park Road provides a local link to residential and industrial areas as well as regional transportation systems.

The accident history for the years 1992 to 1995 revealed two roadways within the study area with higher than average accident rates. MD 704 between Sheriff Road and MD 202, had a rate of 395 accidents per 100 million vehicle miles (mvm) compared to a statewide average of 248 accidents per 100 mvm for similar facilities. Sheriff Road between MD 704 and Cabin Branch Road, had a rate of 510 accidents per 100 mvm compared to a statewide average of 202 accidents per 100 mvm for similar facilities. On both of these roadways, rear end, angle, and sideswipe accidents near intersections were particularly high, indicating that the intersections cannot safely accommodate the current volume of traffic. The addition of the proposed eastbound on-ramp from



Study Area



STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Columbia Park Road and US Route 50 Interchange

Regional Map

April, 1997

Not to Scale

Figure 2

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Columbia Park Road to US 50 would help to alleviate this problem by providing direct access, thereby removing traffic from these streets.

Based on current and predicted future traffic volumes, roadway capacity is generally adequate throughout the study area. Only one intersection, Sheriff Road and MD 704, currently operates below Level-Of-Service (LOS) C. This intersection operates at LOS E in the AM peak and LOS D in the PM peak. Under the No-Build condition, in the year 2020, most of the intersections in the study area will function at an acceptable LOS. Three intersections will fail during the AM and PM peaks however; Sheriff Road and Cabin Branch Road, Sheriff Road and MD 704, and Columbia Park Road and MD 704. The proposed eastbound on-ramp at Columbia Park Road and US 50 would reduce traffic congestion and improve the level of service in these areas.

Two alternates are currently being considered for this project, the No-Build and one Build Alternate. The No-Build Alternate would not provide any significant improvements to US 50 within the study limits. Minor improvements that would occur as part of normal maintenance and safety operations would not be expected to measurably affect roadway safety problems associated with the mixing of local vehicular and pedestrian traffic with heavy truck traffic and would not measurably improve the safety and or quality of life in study area communities. Build Alternate 1 Modified proposes a new ramp from Columbia Park Road onto eastbound US 50 and also includes widening the southbound ramp from US 50 to Columbia Park Road to facilitate right turn movements (see figure 3).

Five preliminary build alternates have been dropped from further consideration. Build Alternate 1 consisted of an on-ramp from northbound Columbia Park Road to eastbound US 50 with no access improvements proposed from southbound Columbia Park Road. This alternate was dropped because it did not include widening of the southbound ramp from US 50 to Columbia Park Road which would allow for right turn movements as well as left turn movements without creating queuing problems. Build Alternate 1A provided the same on-ramp movement as Alternate 1 and also provided for the widening of the Columbia Park Road bridge over US 50 to allow left turns onto the ramp from southbound Columbia Park Road. This alternate will no longer be considered due to prohibitive costs associated with the bridge widening and traffic maintenance.

Alternate 2, which included a reconfiguration of the existing Columbia Park Road to westbound US 50 on-ramp and the addition of a westbound US 50 off-ramp tying into Arbor Street, was dropped after receiving substantial opposition from the Town of Cheverly. This alternate was opposed by the Town of Cheverly because of concerns that a large amount of traffic would be attracted to the local street system in Cheverly and the negative impact that increased traffic congestion would have on local

businesses, especially the Cheverly Early Childhood Center. Alternate 3, which used the median of US 50 for an off-ramp from westbound US 50 was dropped because it required the use of three traffic signals in close proximity to one another. By the year 2020, forecasted volumes would result in operational problems in the study area due to the time required to clear these signalized intersections.

A fifth build alternate, Alternate 4, which is shown in the Prince George's County Master Plan as a westbound flyover off-ramp from US 50, tying into Columbia Park Road at Cabin Branch Road, was also dropped from current study due to the additional costs and environmental impacts required and because the eastbound on-ramp, as proposed with Alternates 1 Modified, will adequately address the immediate project need.

The proposed project is less than one mile in length and therefore is not subject to Major Investment Study (MIS) requirements. An evaluation of congestion management strategies is also not necessary because the project is not expected to have a significant effect on capacity, LOS, or mode share at the transportation corridor or sub-area scale.

An environmental inventory and impact assessment was conducted for the proposed Build Alternate, Alternate 1 Modified. The Build Alternate will have minimal impact on vegetative and wildlife resources in the area. Alternate 1 Modified will impact approximately 0.9 acre of wooded areas. These impacts are expected to have very little impact on wildlife habitat because they are limited to a narrow area between US 50 and the Amtrak railroad tracks and along the existing fill slope of Columbia Park Road as shown on figure 3. No known federal or state listed threatened, or endangered species are located in the study area (see attached coordination).

Coordination with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) indicates that anadromous fish species, including white perch and herring have been documented spawning in Beaverdam Creek near the project area. DNR also indicated that the Anacostia River watershed, of which the project is a part, has been targeted for numerous aquatic habitat restoration project habitat restoration projects. Build Alternate 1 Modified requires a 15-foot extension of an existing drainage structure in a tributary of Beaverdam Creek. As such, the Use I in-stream work restriction period from March 1 through June 15, inclusive will be observed.

Several wetlands have been identified in the study area. They are all associated with Beaverdam Creek and its tributaries and are classified as non-tidal palustrine forested. Alternate 1 Modified will impact approximately 0.4 acre of forested wetlands along with 15 linear feet of Waters of the US. These unavoidable wetland impacts will be mitigated in accordance with US Army Corps of Engineers and MD Department of the Environment requirements. Strict enforcement of erosion and sediment control and

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stormwater management regulations will minimize effects on surface and groundwater quality.

Alternate 1 Modified will encroach on less than 0.1 acre of Beaverdam Creek's 100-year floodplain. This encroachment is expected to have minimal impact and will not affect upstream storage capacity or downstream flow rates.

Due to the limited scope of this project, which proposes no through capacity improvements to the existing roadway, an air quality analysis and noise studies are not required. The project is also exempt from a regional emissions analysis (U.S. EPA Criteria and Procedures for Determining Conformity to State or Federal Implementation Plans of Transportation Plans, Programs or Projects - Final Rule). The need for a hot-spot carbon monoxide (CO) analysis has been considered and determined not to be needed. An eastbound on-ramp will serve to decrease the amount of truck traffic on residential streets thereby reducing queuing and emissions and concentrations.

A initial site assessment (ISA) for hazardous materials was conducted to determine the potential for environmental contamination within the study area. A database search and field assessment identified several sites with potential for environmental contamination. The primary contamination risks are associated with reported leaking underground storage tanks and observed potential surface soil contamination. Alternate 1 Modified will not impact any area of potential contamination and no right-of-way will be required from these properties.

Coordination with the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) has not identified any historic standing structures within the study area. Although the study area is located in a setting with high potential for prehistoric and historic archeological resources, wide spread disturbance by prior construction of US 50, the Pennsylvania Railroad (Conrail), and the Cheverly Metro Station; as well as residential, commercial, and industrial development has diminished the potential for the presence of archeological resources. MHT concurrence that no significant cultural resources are found within the study area was provided on December 4, 1995 (see attached coordination).

Subsequent to that coordination, the Area of Potential Effect (APE) was revised to include the area inside of existing SHA right-of-way and adjacent to the current roadway. Our survey of the expanded APE did not reveal any potentially significant historic standing structures. Similarly, the assessment of archeological potential is consistent with that for the original APE. MHT concurrence that there are no cultural resources within the APE was provided on March 20, 1997 (see attached coordination).

There is one publicly-owned public park located in the study area, Magruder Spring Park, which is owned by the Town of Cheverly. There is a historic marker located in the park which was purchased with Program Open Space (POS) funds. It

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marks the location of Magruder Spring which was a British military encampment in 1814. Neither the park nor the marker will be affected by Alternate 1 Modified.

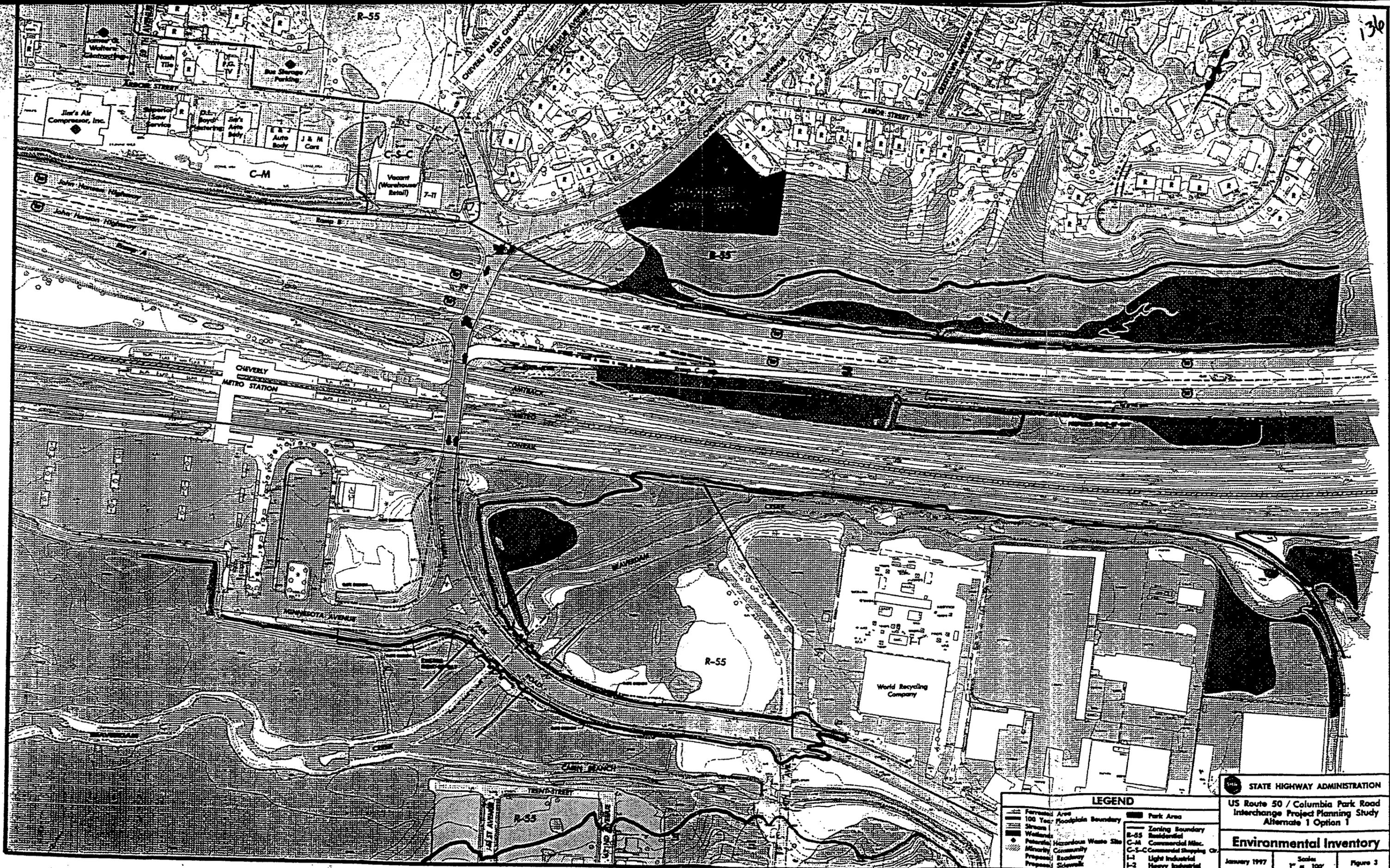
A minority community exists south of Cabin Branch. According to 1990 Census Tract data, Prince George's County has a population of 729,268. The population is distributed by race according to the following percentages:

- 43% White
- 51% Black
- 0.4% Eskimo or Aleut
- 4% Asian or Pacific Island
- 2% Other

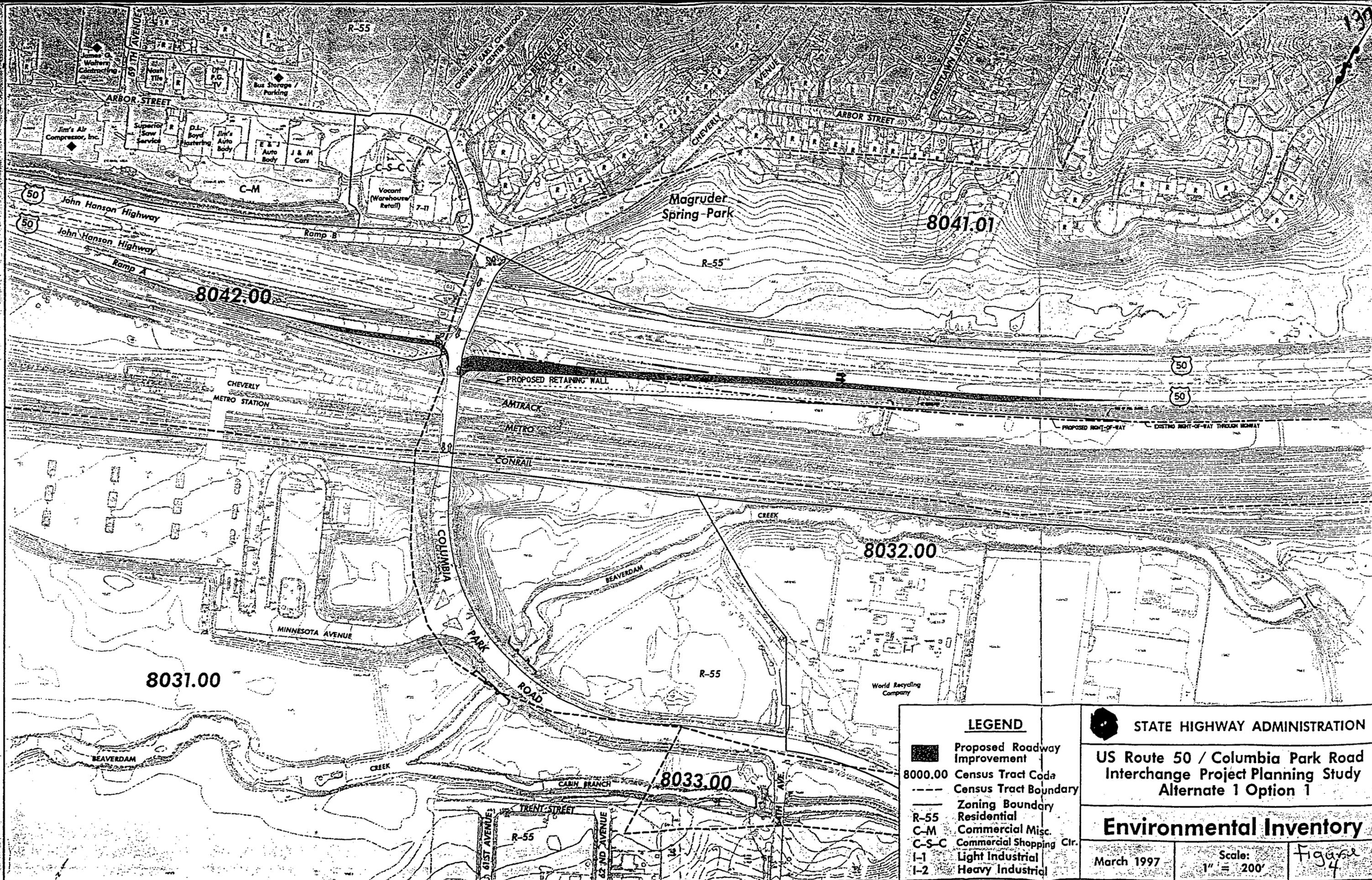
The project area consists of five census tracts: 8031 (2,800 persons), 8032 (3,276 persons), 8033 (4,691 persons), 8041.01 (3,170 persons), and 8042 (3,222 persons) (see figure 4). All of the tracts are comprised of over 24% minorities. Three of the tracts have more than 5% families with incomes below the poverty level (see tables below). This project will not have a disproportionate adverse impact on any of the minority or low-income populations.

RACE	White	Black	Eskimo or Aleut	Asian or Pacific Island	Other
TRACT					
8031	0.6%	99%	0.2%	0%	0.4%
8032	6%	92%	0.3%	2%	0%
8033	5%	94%	0.1%	0%	0%
8041.01	36%	59%	0.2%	2%	3%
8042	75%	19%	0%	5%	1%

POVERTY	Persons for whom Poverty Status Determin.	Persons Below Poverty	Families	Families Below Poverty	Percent Persons Below Poverty	Percent Families Below Poverty
TRACT						
8031	2782	377	675	75	14%	11%
8032	3212	373	826	75	12%	9%
8033	4640	362	1119	60	8%	5%
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STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION		US Route 50 / Columbia Park Road Interchange Project Planning Study Alternate 1 Option 1	
LEGEND		Environmental Inventory	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forested Area 100 Year Floodplain Boundary Stream Wetlands Potential Hazardous Waste Site Minority Community Proposed Roadway Proposed Sidewalk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park Area Zoning Boundary R-55 Residential C-M Commercial Misc. C-S-C Commercial Shopping Cr. I-1 Light Industrial I-2 Heavy Industrial 	<p>January 1997</p> <p>Scale 1" = 100'</p> <p>Figure 3</p>	



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	Proposed Roadway Improvement
8000.00	Census Tract Code
	Census Tract Boundary
	Zoning Boundary
R-55	Residential
C-M	Commercial Misc.
C-S-C	Commercial Shopping Cir.
I-1	Light Industrial
I-2	Heavy Industrial

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	Figure 4

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A Public Focus Group Meeting was held at the Cheverly Town Hall on February 15, 1996 to discuss the project history, the project planning process and the alternates that should be carried forward.

No residential or business displacements will be required by Alternate 1 Modified. Approximately 1.2 acres of right-of-way will be required from AMTRAK, but no other residential or commercial property will be required. No property is required from any publicly-owned park or recreation area.

The project is identified as a recommended interchange improvement in the 1993 Landover and Vicinity Master Plan and the 1994 Bladensburg/New Carrollton and Vicinity Master Plan. Both plans have been approved and adopted.

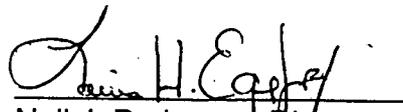
As previously discussed, the proposed project will not involve any significant environmental impacts to socioeconomic, natural, or cultural resources. It will not induce significant, foreseeable alterations in land use or affect planned growth.

A combined Location/Design Public Hearing is scheduled for June 25, at the Cheverly Town Hall. A separate letter requesting location approval for the project will be sent to you along with a copy of the public hearing transcript. We are now requesting your concurrence that this project meets the criteria for classification as a Categorical Exclusion. If you agree with this determination, please indicate your approval on the signature line below.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

by:


Neil J. Pedersen, Director
Office of Planning and
Preliminary Engineering

Concurrence:

Federal Highway Administration
Division Administrator

Date

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Paul Armstrong
Mr. Louis H. Ege, Jr.
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February 11, 1997⁸

RE: Project No. PG186B11
US 50/Columbia Park Road Interchange
Prince George's County, Maryland

Mrs. Susan J. Binder
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
The Rotunda - Suite 220
711 West 40th Street
Baltimore MD 21211

Attn: Ms. Renee Sigel

Dear Mrs. Binder:

In accordance with the CEQ Regulations and 23 CFR 771, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) requests Location Approval for the proposed improvements to the existing interchange at US 50 and MD 459 Tuxedo Road/Columbia Park Road, located in Prince George's County (see figures 1 and 1A). These improvements include modifications to Columbia Park Road in the vicinity of the interchange to provide ramp access and accommodations for pedestrians. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) concurred in a Categorical Exclusion (CE) classification for this project on May 20, 1997.

A combined Informational Public Workshop and Location/Design Public Hearing was held on June 25, 1997 at the Cheverly Town Hall. At this public workshop/hearing, most speakers expressed concern that the proposed improvements would not adequately address the needs of the community. The majority of the comments related to the lack of pedestrian accommodations provided along Columbia Park Road (refer to the attached Matrix of Issues for a complete list of the community's concerns). Subsequent to the public workshop/hearing, several work sessions were conducted with the Cheverly Town Council and representatives from the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T). The preferred alternate, Alternate 1 Modified, was revised in response to these comments, culminating in a televised session in which the Town of Cheverly endorsed a revised version of Alternate 1 Modified. The Alternate 1 Modified improvements are described in detail below.

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Originally, Alternate 1 Modified proposed construction of a new ramp (Ramp C) from northbound Columbia Park Road to eastbound US 50, and widening of existing Ramp A from eastbound US 50 to southbound Columbia Park Road to provide two approach lanes on the ramp at the intersection. These improvements have been retained, with the extension of the Ramp C acceleration lane to 1,200 feet.

Access to Ramp C will be from a shared through and right turn lane on northbound Columbia Park Road, however, a separate northbound right turn lane onto this ramp may be provided when a new bridge over the railroads is constructed by Prince George's County. The inclusion of this structure and the separate right turn lane is dependent upon Prince George's County funding. Access from southbound Columbia Park Road will be excluded with a mountable median and mountable right turn channelization to discourage left turns onto Ramp C, while maintaining emergency access. Ramp C will be constructed with a 1,200-foot acceleration lane onto eastbound US 50 to provide adequate distance for trucks to merge into the travel stream.

Preferred Alternate 1 Modified also includes the widening of the existing ramp from eastbound US 50 to Columbia Park Road (Ramp A) to provide a separate right turn lane and pedestrian refuge island between the left and right turn lanes. The turning radii to be provided on both Ramp A and Ramp C will accommodate a WB-50 tractor-trailer truck within the travel lane, without encroachment on adjacent lanes.

The intersection of Columbia Park Road and Cheverly Avenue will be reconstructed under Preferred Alternate 1 Modified to reduce the roadway width for pedestrians crossing the Cheverly Avenue approach. Currently, wide right turns are provided for traffic to and from Cheverly Avenue, separated from the through lanes with right turn islands. These islands will be removed and the right turn radii will be reduced to slow right turning traffic and reduce the pedestrian crossing distance on the east and north approaches.

The intersection improvements will require the relocation of a residential driveway in the northeast quadrant of the interchange to connect onto Arbor Street just north of the intersection. In addition, the existing small retaining wall along the roadway in this quadrant would be relocated along the driveway to transition from the at-grade driveway to the higher elevation in front of the residence. This wall would be similar in height (approximately 2 to 3 feet) and appearance to the existing wall. Approximately 1,000 square feet of additional right-of-way will be required to relocate the driveway and provide the small retaining wall. However, upon reconstruction of the intersection, approximately 3,700 square feet of existing pavement will be removed and replaced with grass and sidewalk, providing a larger buffer between the residence in this quadrant and the Columbia Park Road intersection.

Preferred Alternate 1 Modified also includes the reconstruction of the sidewalks along the Columbia Park Road bridges to provide a wider (seven-foot) sidewalk on the west side of the roadway and eliminate the sidewalk on the east side of the roadway, since most pedestrians

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currently use the west sidewalk. This improvement will provide a wider travel path and "comfort zone" for pedestrians along Columbia Park Road. Additional pedestrian improvements will include six overhead lights on the bridges, pedestrian actuated crossings (pedestrian push buttons and Walk/Don't Walk signals) at Cheverly Avenue and the Ramp A intersections, complete handicap sidewalk access along the west side of Columbia Park Road, and new fence treatments along the bridges to improve aesthetics and increase the perceived sidewalk width. Pedestrian and vehicular access across US 50 and the railroad will be maintained throughout construction.

Aesthetic treatments selected for Preferred Alternate 1 Modified include street trees along Columbia Park Road from Cheverly Avenue to 64th Street. These trees will be carefully selected and maintained to minimize loss due to weather and soil conditions. Additional treatments being considered include brick sidewalk pavers and/or brick sidewalk edge treatments, aesthetic crosswalk pavers, and possible community child art on the steel fence along the railroad bridge. The final decision to include any of these additional amenities will be made during the design phase of the project.

There are no significant environmental impacts associated with the construction of Preferred Alternate 1 Modified, including the modifications made since the public workshop/hearing. Preferred Alternate 1 Modified will impact approximately 0.9 acre of wooded areas. These impacts are expected to have very little impact on wildlife habitat because they are limited to a narrow area between US 50 and railroad tracks, and along the fill slope of Columbia Park Road. No known federal or state listed threatened or endangered species are located in the study area.

Coordination with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) indicates that anadromous fish species, including white perch and herring have been documented spawning in Beaverdam Creek near the project area. DNR also indicated that the Anacostia River watershed, of which the project is a part, has been targeted for numerous aquatic habitat restoration projects. Preferred Alternate 1 Modified requires a 15-foot extension to an existing drainage structure in a tributary of the Beaverdam Creek. As such, the Use I in-stream work restriction period from March 1 through June 15, inclusive, will be observed.

Several wetlands have been identified in the study area. They are all associated with the Beaverdam Creek and its tributaries, and are classified as non-tidal palustrine forested. Preferred Alternate 1 Modified will impact approximately 0.4 acre of forested wetlands along with 15 linear feet of Waters of the US. These unavoidable wetland impacts will be mitigated in accordance with US Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Department of the Environment requirements. Strict enforcement of erosion and sediment control and stormwater management regulations will minimize effects on surface and groundwater quality.

Preferred Alternate 1 Modified will encroach on less than 0.1 acre of Beaverdam Creek's 100-year floodplain. This encroachment is expected to have minimal impact and will

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not affect upstream storage capacity or downstream flow rates.

Due to the limited scope of this project, which proposes no through capacity improvements to the existing roadway, an air quality analysis and noise study are not required. The project is also exempt from a regional emissions analysis (US EPA Criteria and Procedures for Determining Conformity to State and Federal Implementation Plans of Transportation Plans, Programs or Projects - Final Rule). The need for a hot-spot carbon monoxide (CO) analysis has been considered and determined not to be needed. The new Ramp C (eastbound on-ramp) is expected to decrease the amount of truck traffic on residential streets thereby reducing queuing and emissions and concentrations.

Previous coordination with the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) indicated that there are no cultural resources, including archeological resources and historic standing structures within the Area of Potential Effect (APE). Subsequent to that coordination, the APE was expanded to include the intersection of Columbia Park Road and Cheverly Avenue. In a residential area on the south side of Cheverly Avenue adjacent to commercial development and the current interchange two "Sears" houses, PG69-29 constructed in 1923, the Jacqueline Schwier House at 2202 Cheverly Avenue and the Hilliard House next door to the Schwier House at 2200 Cheverly Avenue were evaluated for National Register eligibility. The Hilliard House will be impacted as a result of the intersection improvements by the need to relocate the existing driveway and short retaining wall to intersect with Arbor Street just north of the Cheverly Avenue intersection. As indicated previously, this and the adjacent property will benefit from the improvements provided by an increased buffer area between the homes and the travel lanes. Neither of these structures met the criteria for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

With the exception of areas associated with the driveway relocation, all of the APE for Preferred Alternate 1 Modified was previously surveyed (by Conrad-1977) as part of the archeological reconnaissance of the Cabin Branch Road intersection at John Hanson Highway (US 50) and connection to the Columbia Park Road. No archeological sites were identified during that survey and none since have been reported within the APE. Areas associated with the driveway relocation have been disturbed by residential development and prior construction and improvements to Columbia Park Road and Cheverly Avenue. Given the degree of prior disturbance and negative findings from previous archeological survey, it is unlikely that potentially significant archeological resources would be located in the APE for Alternate 1 Modified. On January 15, MHT concurred that there are no cultural resources within the expanded APE meeting the criteria for listing in the National Register (see attachment 3).

There is one publicly-owned public park located in the study area, Magruder Spring Park, which is owned by the Town of Cheverly. There is a historic marker located in the park, which was purchased with Program Open Space (POS) funds. Neither the park nor the marker will be impacted by Preferred Alternate 1 Modified.

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No residential or business displacements will be required by Preferred Alternate 1 Modified. Approximately 2.94 acres of right-of-way will be required from the AMTRAK property, and 0.03 acre from the residential property discussed above. No other residential or commercial property will be required. No property is required from any publicly-owned public park or recreation area.

The proposed project is consistent with the 1993 Landover and Vicinity Master Plan, and the 1994 Bladensburg/New Carrollton and Vicinity Master Plan. Both plans have been approved and adopted.

In summary, this project will not involve any significant environmental impacts to socio-economic, natural or cultural resources. This project will not induce any significant foreseeable alterations in land use or negatively affect planned growth. Therefore, SHA believes that the project should remain appropriately classified as a CE and requests Location Approval.

Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Joseph Kresslein at (410) 545-8550.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

by: Cynthia D. Simpson
Neil J. Pedersen, Director
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March 19, 1998

NH-130-1(77)C
Project No. PG 186B11
US 50/Columbia Park Road Interchange
Prince George's County, Maryland

Mr. Parker F. Williams
State Highway Administrator
State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Williams:

FHWA has received your request dated February 11, 1998 for Location Approval on the referenced project. Based on the information received, including a copy of the transcript of the public hearing held June 25, 1997 and responses to comments received during the public comment period, we concur with the continued classification of Categorical Exclusion and hereby grant Location Approval.

In reviewing the project area we noted that the deceleration lane from US 50 eastbound to the ramp to Columbia Park Road (Ramp A) does not provide a smooth transition from US 50. We have also observed ramp traffic backing up onto US 50 in this area. We recognize that the channelization at the top of the ramp, to be constructed as part of this project, will help to reduce the length of these queues. However, we request that this ramp be lengthened to provide adequate taper length and storage area as part of this project, if feasible. These improvements appear to have only minor environmental impacts to forested areas, and therefore can be addressed in a future re-evaluation.

We understand that widening of the Columbia Park Road bridge over the railroad tracks south of US 50, to allow a right turn lane onto Ramp C may be warranted to improve operations in the design year. We urge SHA to work with Prince George's County to reach a responsible solution.

If SHA chooses to use Federal-aid funds for Final Design activities an amended letter of authorization can now be requested for this purpose.

If you have any questions, please call Pam Stephenson or Kelly Hutchinson of my staff at 410-962-4342.

Sincerely yours,

Susan J. Binder
Division Administrator

cc: Kresslein/Wynn/Rahman, C-301 SHA
Ken Briggs, SHA
Gary Gray, SHA

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Kirk G. McClelland, Chief
Highway Design Division

ATTN: Mr. Bob Riley
Project Engineer

FROM: Ms. Cynthia D. Simpson
Deputy Director
Office of Planning and
Engineering Division

DATE: December 2, 1999

SUBJECT: Project No. PG186B11
US 50 Columbia Park Road Interchange
Prince George County, Maryland
Final Review Reevaluation

The following information verifies that the current design plan, when compared to that for which a Categorical Exclusion was approved by the Federal Highway Administration, will not result in significantly different environmental impacts.

A. Date Categorical Exclusion Approved by FHWA: March 19, 1998 (attached)

B. Are the proposed improvements different than those approved for the Categorical Exclusion? Yes No. Explanation: Some modifications have been made to Selected Alternate 1 Modified subsequent to Location Approval in response to comments voiced during work sessions conducted with the Cheverly Town Council and representatives from the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T). The following improvements are incorporated into current design of the project (final review plans):

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1. Prince George's County has requested that the State Highway Administration (SHA) remove and reconstruct the Columbia Park Road bridge over the AMTRAK, WMATA, and CSX railroad lines as part of this project. The new bridge will include an additional lane to accommodate right turn movements from northbound Columbia Park Road to the new ramp (Ramp C) onto eastbound US 50.
2. An existing service ramp connection, which intersects Columbia Park Road on the west side of the bridge and extends to the AMTRAK, CSX, WMATA railroad properties would be eliminated when the new bridge is reconstructed. Access to the railroad maintenance facilities would be accommodated via a new access road located at the rear of the Cheverly Metro Station parking lot. The access road, approximately 15 feet wide and 400 feet in length will provide an at-grade railroad crossing that will intersect with the existing westbound service road (between the WMATA tracks and the CSX tracks). This proposed access road would maneuver south to cross the CSX tracks and loop eastbound onto the WMATA parking facility (see figures 1 and 2).
3. The current design increased the placement of overhead lights from six (6) to eight (8) on Columbia Park Road from the Cheverly Avenue intersection to the south limit of work at Minnesota Avenue. Aesthetic treatments developed after Location Approval for Selected Alternate 1 Modified include street trees along Columbia Park Road from Cheverly Avenue to Minnesota Avenue. Additional treatments include brick sidewalk pavers and/or brick sidewalk edge treatments, aesthetic crosswalk pavers.
4. The current design also requires the relocation of a residential driveway in the northeast quadrant of the Columbia Park Road and Cheverly Avenue intersection, necessitating a perpetual easement from two adjoining property owners for ingress and egress. Additionally, a temporary construction easement will be required for this action. Upon reconstruction of the Cheverly Avenue/Columbia Park Road intersection, approximately 3,700 square feet of existing intersection pavement will be removed and replaced with grass and sidewalk to provide a larger buffer between the residence in this corner and the Columbia Park Road intersection.
5. The intersection of Columbia Park Road and Cheverly Avenue will be reconstructed under the current design to reduce the roadway width for pedestrians crossing the Cheverly Avenue approach. Presently, wide right turns are provided for traffic to and from Cheverly Avenue, separated from the through lanes with right turn islands. These islands will be removed and the right turn radii will be reduced to 30 feet and 35 feet respectively to slow

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right turning traffic and reduce the pedestrian crossing distance to 40 feet on the north and 48 feet on the east approaches

C. **Are the environmental impacts different?** Yes No Explanation: The current design as specified on the Final Review plans proposes an at-grade railroad crossing maintenance road which will require an additional 0.22 acre of right of way from two property owners and will impact 225 square feet of additional woodland area as compared to those impacts presented for the Selected Alternate 1 Modified at the time of Location Approval. Additionally, it is anticipated that thirty (30) linear feet of permanent waters of the U.S. will be impacted as a result of this design change. A total of 1.17 acres of right of way and 0.9 acre of woodland impact were anticipated with Selected Alternate 1 Modified. The woodland impacts are anticipated to have no detrimental effects on wildlife habitat because the impacts are minimal and confined. These impacts include a narrow area between US 50 and the railroad tracks, the small portion along the fill slope of Columbia Park Road, and the small contained area at the proposed at-grade maintenance road extending from the existing service road onto the WMATA parking lot.

The SHA submitted a Joint Federal/State Wetlands Permit Application for the proposed project. On August 25, 1998, SHA received concurrence from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to pursue the utilization of the Bevard Site to serve as off site mitigation for the proposed impacts. It is estimated that greater than one (1) acre of wetland creation will be required to replace the impacted nontidal wetland in the project area. Although the area impacted and the Bevard Site are located in different sub-watersheds, both sites are located within the greater Washington Metropolitan Area Watershed.

On January 15, 1998, the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) concurred that no significant historic standing structures or archeological sites were located within an expanded area of potential effect (APE) for Selected Alternate 1 Modified. Accordingly, the proposed current design changes are within this APE and would not require reassessment of archeological sites and standing historical structures.

Summary of Environmental Impacts

Resources	Alternate 1 Modified	Current Design
Woodlands	0.90 acre	0.91 acre
Wetlands	0.71 acre	0.71 acre
Waters of U.S.	15 linear feet	45 linear feet

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D. Are the changes in the project surroundings (new development, etc.)?
 Yes No. Explanation: The residential and business development in the project area has not changed.

E. Is the CE classification still valid? Yes No.

F. Are the commitments shown on the plans? Yes No. Identify commitments including those related to engineering.

1. All unavoidable wetland losses will be mitigated in accordance with COE and MDE requirements. SHA has received approval from the MDE to utilize a portion of the Bevard Site as mitigation for proposed impacts associated with this project. SHA intends to replace 30,909.1 sq. ft. of palustrine forested (PFO) wetland impacts and 114.9 sq.ft. of palustrine emergent (PEM) wetland impacts with existing PFO wetlands at a 2:1 ratio at the Bevard Site. Therefore, SHA will utilize approximately 1.42 acres of the PFO at the Bevard Site.
2. The limits of roadway work will extend along Columbia Park Road to Minnesota Avenue. This will consist of roadway reconstruction along the northbound roadway including sidewalk removal to conform to the project design concepts and address handicap accessibility improvements along Columbia Park Road and the Metro entrance.
3. Improvements to pedestrian safety with additional overhead lighting on Columbia Park Road, pedestrian actuated crossings, and handicapped ramps.
4. Removal of the existing service ramp connection that extends westbound from the Prince George County bridge over WMATA, AMTRAK, and CSX railroads. The project proposed to construct an at-grade maintenance road to connect the existing westbound service road that would cross the CSX tracks and loop eastbound onto the WMATA parking lot.

by: Joseph R. Kresslein
Joseph R. Kresslein
Assistant Division Chief
Project Planning Division

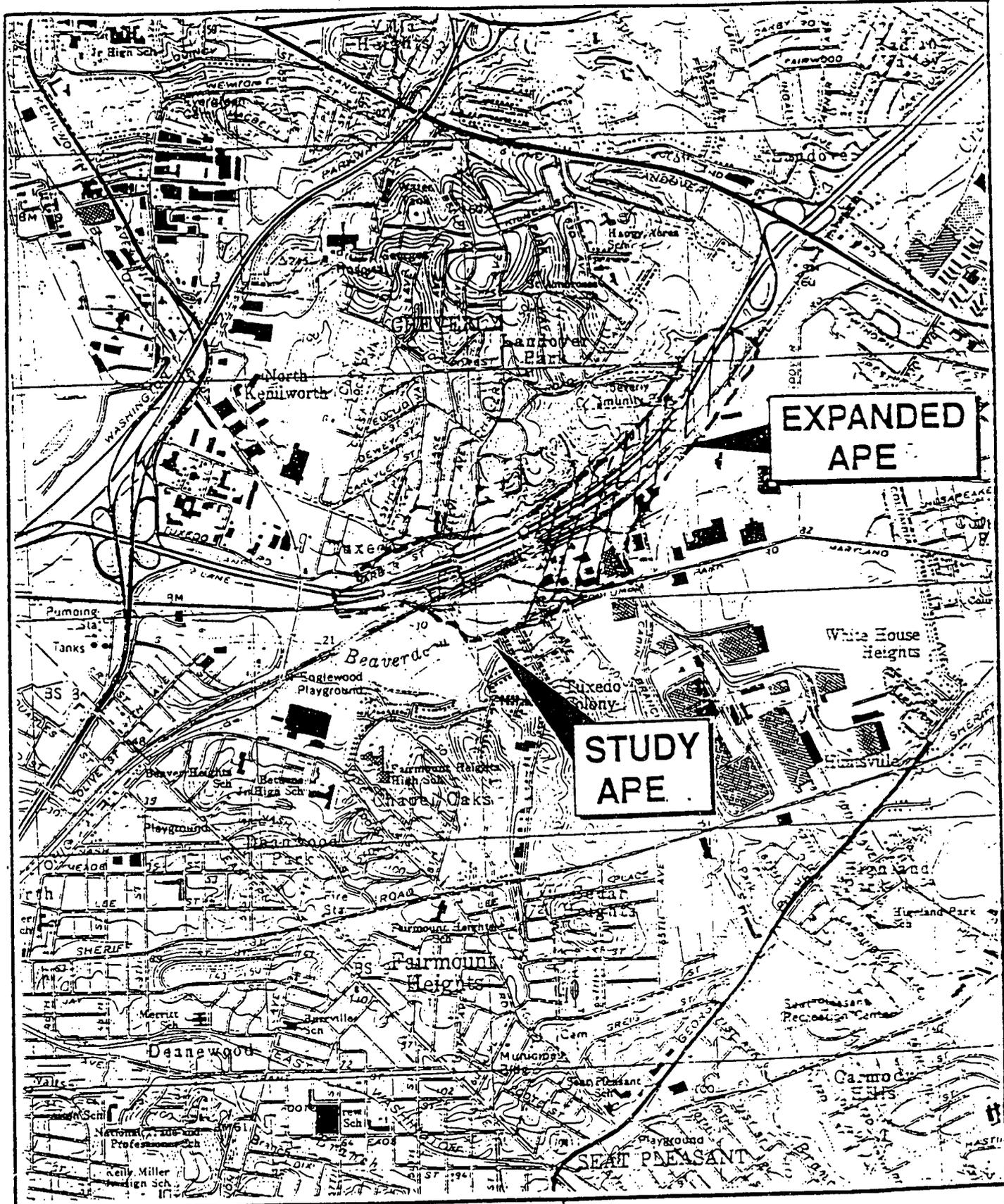
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Concur: Cynthia D. Simpson
Cynthia D. Simpson
Deputy Director
Office of Planning and
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Date: 12/3/99

Attachment

- cc: Ms. Allison Grooms (w/attachments)
- Ms. Mary Huie (FHWA) (w/attachments)
- Mr. Pete Kleskovic (FHWA) (w/attachments)
- Mr. Joseph R. Kresslein (w/attachments)
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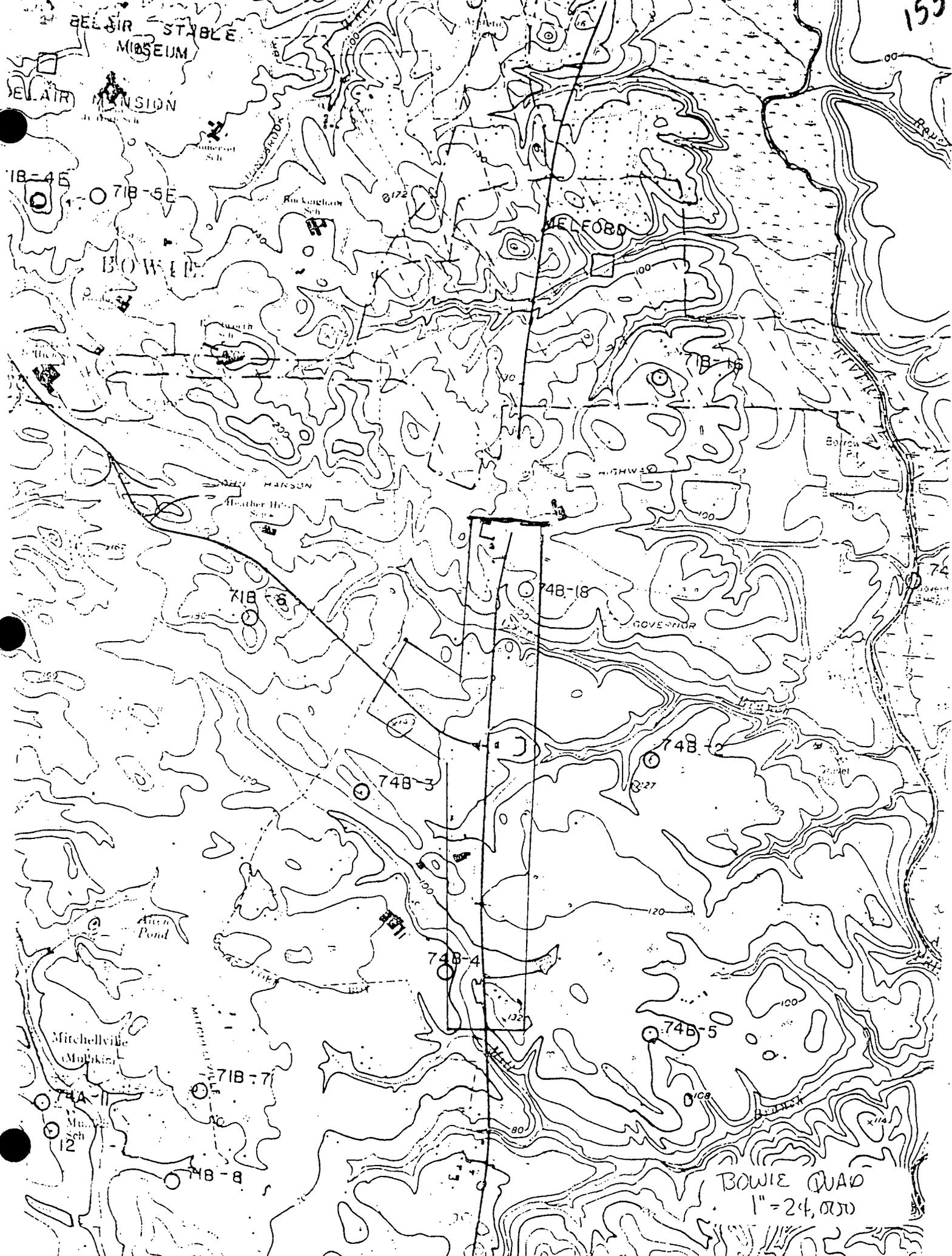
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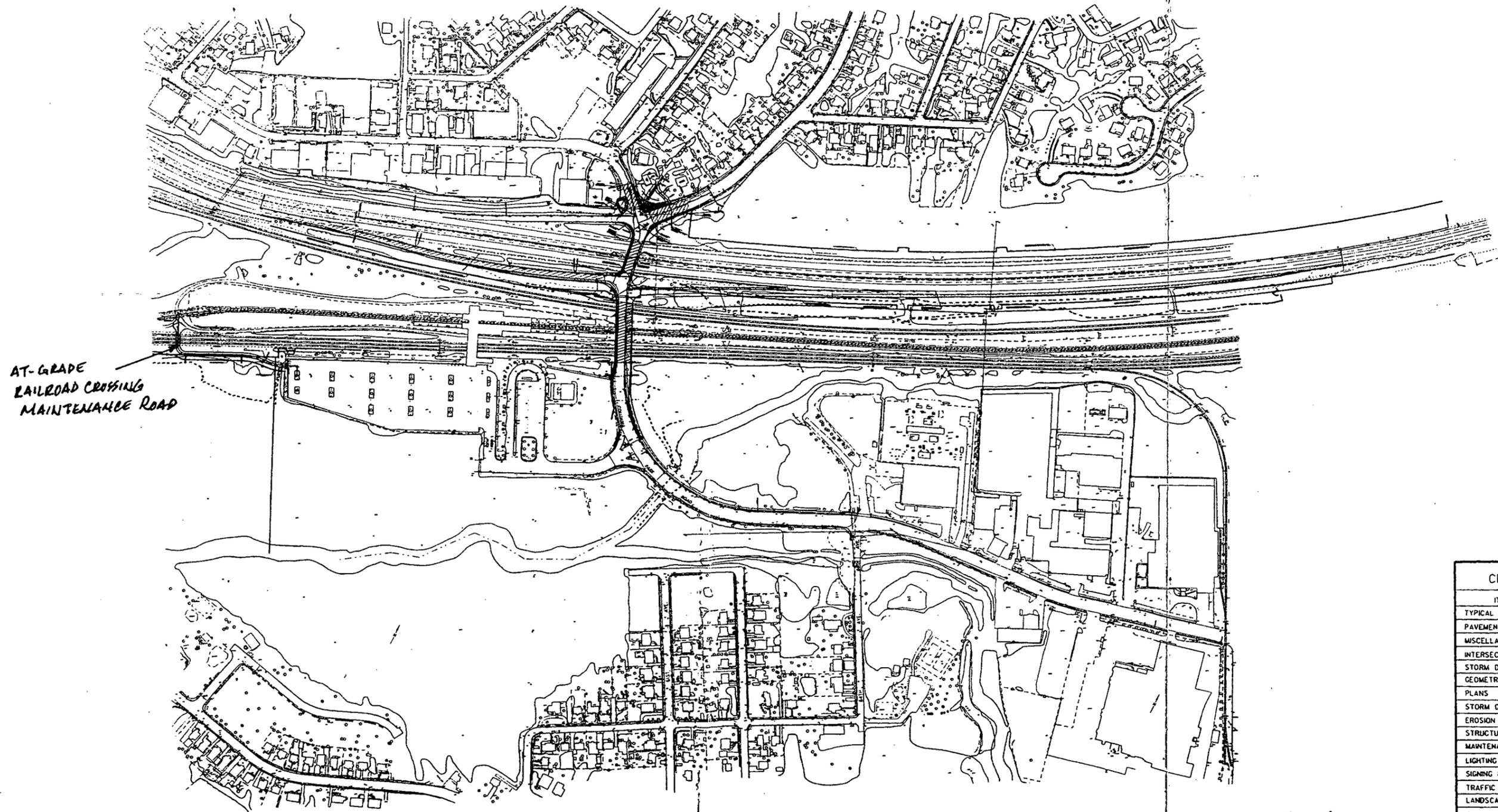
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**COLUMBIA PARK ROAD
AND US ROUTE 50
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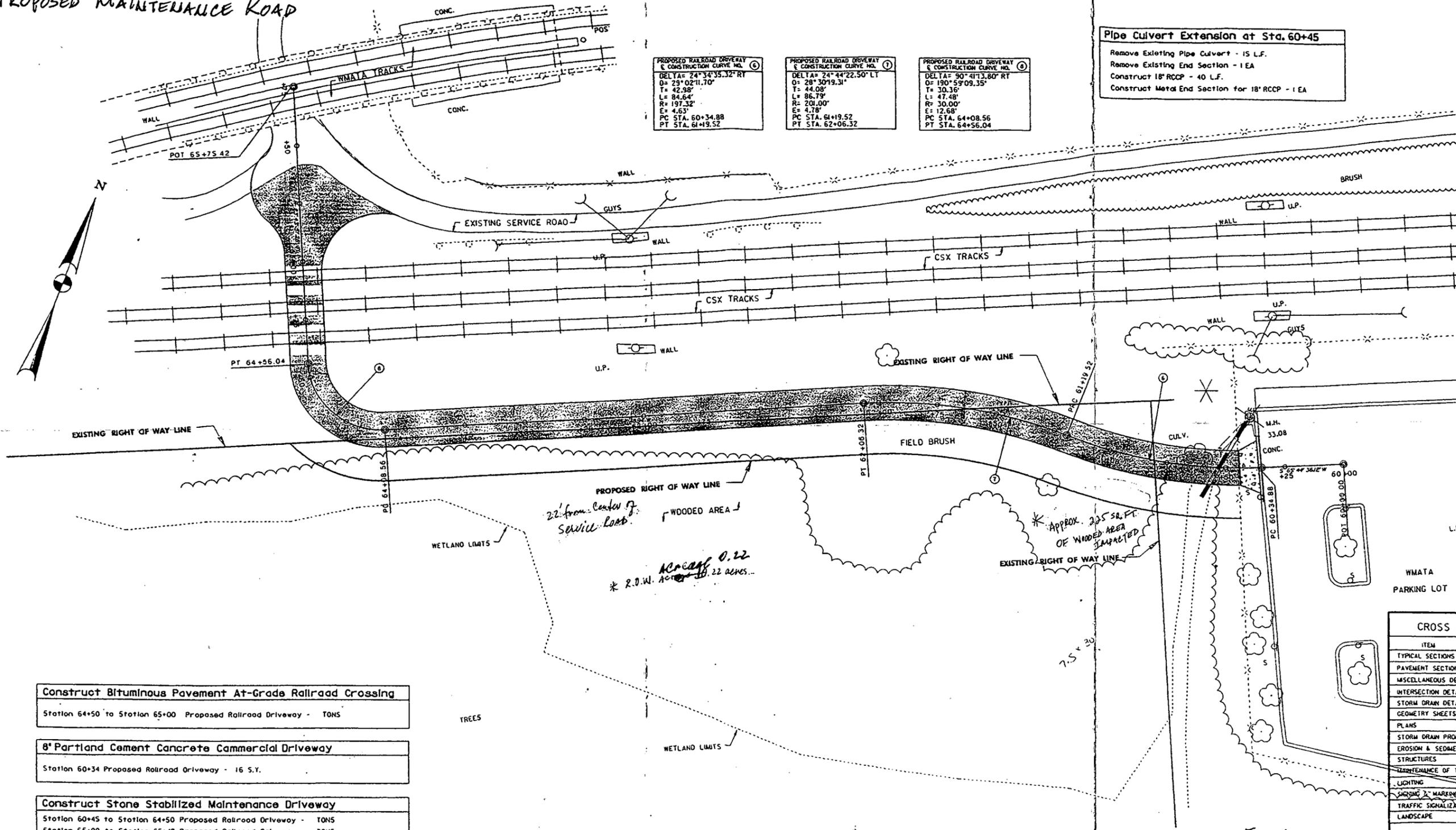
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US 50 COLUMBIA PARK RD PROJECT.
PROPOSED MAINTENANCE ROAD

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Pipe Culvert Extension at Sta. 60+45
 Remove Existing Pipe Culvert - 15 L.F.
 Remove Existing End Section - 1 EA
 Construct 18" RCCP - 40 L.F.
 Construct Metal End Section for 18" RCCP - 1 EA

- Construct Bituminous Pavement At-Grade Railroad Crossing**
Station 64+50 to Station 65+00 Proposed Railroad Driveway - TONS
- 8" Portland Cement Concrete Commercial Driveway**
Station 60+34 Proposed Railroad Driveway - 16 S.Y.
- Construct Stone Stabilized Maintenance Driveway**
Station 60+45 to Station 64+50 Proposed Railroad Driveway - TONS
Station 65+00 to Station 65+42 Proposed Railroad Driveway - TONS
- Chain Link Gate (18' Length)**
Station 60+45 Proposed Railroad Driveway - 1 EA

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- Commercial Driveway Entrance Using 8" Portland Cement Concrete Pavement Mix #6
- Stone Stabilized Maintenance Road
- Bituminous Pavement for At-Grade Railroad Crossing

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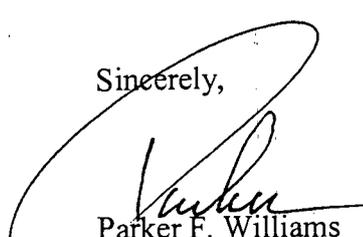
The Honorable Michael J. Weir
Maryland House of Delegates
611 Weir Lane
Baltimore MD 21221-1642

Dear Delegate Weir:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the Bird River Road community regarding the proposed sound barrier along eastbound MD 43 (Extended) in Baltimore County. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 27, 2001, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Our Lady Queen of Peace School, 10001 Bird River Road, Middle River, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting is to follow up on the discussion regarding the planned improvements, the increase in highway noise levels, and right-of-way issue questions that were raised at the June 25 meeting.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,


Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Eric. E. Marabello, Project Engineer, Office of Highway Design, State Highway Administration

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June 5, 2001

The Honorable Michael J. Weir
Maryland House of Delegates
611 Weir Lane
Baltimore MD 21221-1642

Dear Delegate Weir:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the Bird River Road community regarding the proposed sound barrier along eastbound MD 43 (Extended) in Baltimore County. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2001, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Our Lady Queen of Peace School, 10001 Bird River Road, Middle River, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the placement of the proposed sound barrier and to obtain concurrence from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to our Director of Environmental Design at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Williams', enclosed in a large, loopy oval.

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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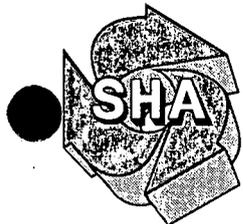
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October 23, 2001

The Honorable Marvin F. Wilson
Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building, 2nd Floor
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro MD 20772-3037

Dear Councilman Wilson:

This letter is a follow-up to the October 10 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at Thomas Johnson Middle School, regarding the proposed sound barriers for the Westgate Woods and Holmehurst West communities along MD 450 in Prince George's County. I wish to provide the following information from the meeting.

The State Highway Administration is following up with those homeowners who were unable to attend the meeting by providing them with the materials distributed at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for the residences that will be impacted by high levels of traffic noise anticipated to occur as a result of the future improvements to MD 450 adjacent to the two communities. We also wanted to determine that at least 75 percent of those impacted property owners approve of the sound barrier placement. Approximately 17 homeowners attended the meeting.

Enclosed are copies of the distributed materials, including: the meeting's agenda; an information sheet listing typical noises in the environment; plan sheets of both communities with the sound barriers' locations, current noise levels, and proposed noise level reduction; cross-section views of the communities; a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*; and a copy of the list of all homeowners who were invited to the meeting. Also, for those homeowners who will be impacted by highway traffic noise, we included a postage-paid ballot on which they should indicate their approval or disapproval of the proposed sound barrier project. We requested that the ballot be returned by November 16, 2001.

For Westgate Woods, two issues were brought up: an investigation of the need for a noise-absorptive surface on the sound barrier; and whether adjacent residents' backyard fences could be extended to the proposed sound barrier, so as to enhance security. For Holmehurst West, it was asked if the schedule for the sound barrier could be advanced, because the highway improvements have been completed. These issues will be analyzed and the results forwarded when available.

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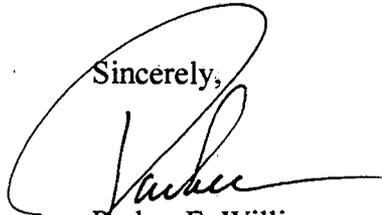
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Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or additional concerns, please do not hesitate to contact, until November 1, Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. After November 1, please contact Mr. James Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at jhade@sha.state.md.us. They will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosures

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Enclosures:

One copy each of the following:

The meeting's *Agenda*

Sound information sheet

MDOT/SHA brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*

Plan Sheet and *Cross-Section Sheet* (11 x 17) for Westgate Woods community

Plan Sheet and *Cross-Section Sheet* (11 x 17) for Holmehurst West community

Property Owner Invitation List



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September 6, 2001

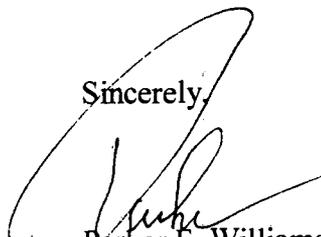
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Dear Councilman Wilson:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the Westgate Woods and Holmehurst West communities regarding the proposed sound barriers along eastbound MD 450 adjacent to their communities, in Prince George's County. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Thomas Johnson Middle School, 5401 Barker Place, Lanham, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the placement of the proposed sound barriers and to obtain concurrence from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962, or nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



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April 17, 2001

The Honorable Marvin F. Wilson
Council Member - District 5
Prince George's County Council
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro MD 20772

Dear Councilman Wilson:

This letter is a follow-up to your recent memorandum to Ms. Betty Hager Francis regarding several issues concerning the Sycamore Woods Subdivision along Enterprise Road (MD 193) in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the highway traffic noise issue.

Type II sound barriers are only constructed along State highways that are full controlled-access highways where access is by interchanges rather than at-grade intersections. Enterprise Road (MD 193) is not a full controlled-access highway. The Sycamore Woods Subdivision is also approximately two years old and potential highway noise concerns should have been addressed through the subdivision approval process. Therefore, the Sycamore Woods Subdivision is not eligible for consideration for a sound barrier because it postdates MD 193.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. I regret that I cannot provide a positive response with respect to the highway noise concerns. If you have additional questions or concerns about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of the State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design Noise Abatement Team, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlie K. Watkins'.

Charlie K. Watkins
District Engineer

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Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 04-11-2001 faxed from Dist. Eng. Charlie K. Watkins (D-3) forwarding a copy of 03-26-2001 PG Co. DWP&T Memo from Ms. Betty Hager Francis to PG Co. Councilman Marvin F, Wilson regarding the Sycamore Woods subdivision and containing a highway noise concern/sound barrier question

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From: JIM HADE
To: DENNIS HASKINS; KEN POLCAK
Date: 4/13/01 11:50AM
Subject: Re: Letter from PG County new development

Gentlemen:

Please put this on your back-burner list of things to do. (Obtain the PG County regs for our files).

Thanks

Jim

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Ted:

>>> CHARLES ADAMS 04/12/01 07:32AM >>>

Yes, let's draft the reply for Charlie W's signature.

>>> CHARLES ADAMS 04/12/01 07:32AM >>>

I believe the County regs apply to any road, but they come under the Planning and Zoning Office not Public Works. You should look for a County contact in P & Z from the SHA regional planner for Prince George's County and try to verify.

Charlie

>>> JIM HADE 04/11/01 01:36PM >>>

Charlie:

Irene received a copy of a letter that was forwarded to us from Charlie Watkins. It was written to Councilman Wilson from Betty Hager Francis regarding a number of issues for the Sycamore Woods Subdivision (new development) along Enterprise Road in PG County.

The Councilman's letter to Betty asks her to list her accomplishments on issues resolved regarding (paragraph 3) of the constituent's letter.

The constituents letter to the councilman says " As you know, we have been discussing a variety of other issues (street paving, entrance sign and completion, sound barriers, drainage, etc.) Since last June. ...

In Betty's letter (page 2, par 2) "In regard to the installation of sound barriers along Enterprise Road (MD Route 193), they are outside the jurisdiction of DPW&T. They are however, within the purview of the Maryland SHA. Therefore by copy of this letter we are forwarding"...) to C Watkins...

The community is adjacent to the SB side of 193, just north of Lotsford Road / Woodmore Road and was just constructed within the past two years. It appears to me that the resident is seeking assistance from the councilman for sponsorship on county / developer issues and not State issues. I guess that I do not understand why her response did not address the developer's responsibility to demonstrate no impact or to provide abatement per zoning county regulations?

Do you know whether the PG County reg's address only construction adjacent to Interstates, and do not deal with local roads? When our staff inquired of the County, and MNCPP, within the last year or two we were unable to locate any information.

Irene has a copy of the inbound, but we have started a folder and will give the answer from the policy. Should the letter be for Charlie Watkins signature?

James Hade, RLA
Team Leader for Noise Abatement
Ph 410-545-8599
Fx 410-209-5003

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CC:

TED SEVERE

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FAX

Date 4/11/01
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TO: Prere Helene

FROM: **Charlie K. Watkins**
District Engineer

Phone
Fax Phone

**State Highway
Administration
9300 Kenilworth Avenue
Greenbelt MD 20770**

CC:

Phone 301-513-7311 or toll-free
1-800-749-0737
Fax Phone 301-474-5352

REMARKS: Urgent For your review Reply ASAP Please Comment

Thanks for looking into this.
Phyllis

Jim - 2x 4/11/01
Please look at
page 3 circled
item. Is that
something we
can address?
Please let me know.
Thanks.
Gene



Wayne K. Curry
County Executive

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DPW&T

Department of Public Works and Transportation
Office of the Director

MEMORANDUM

March 26, 2001

To: The Honorable Marvin F. Wilson
Prince George's County Council, 5th District

From: Betty Hager Francis, Director
Department of Public Works & Transportation

Re: Sycamore Woods Subdivision
Permit Numbers 97-22-00437 and 96-24-00539

This is in response to your February 15, 2001, memorandum regarding several concerns from your constituent related to the Sycamore Woods Subdivision.

Staff from the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) have attended several community meetings at the subject subdivision, and have had many meetings, and telephone conversations with Mrs. Stephanie Proctor Williams regarding the issues she has raised in her letter to your office that pertain to DPW&T. In regard to the installation of the street lights in the subdivision, the permittee is responsible for the cost of any street lights required by DPW&T. The permittee had to prepare and submit a street lighting plan for our review and approval, and to the utility company to have the lights installed. This process usually takes eight (8) months. DPW&T has been in contact with the permittee, Chadsworth Homes, over the last six (6) months regarding this issue, and we are pleased to inform you that the street lighting installation has been completed in the subdivision.

In regard to completion of the remaining items in the public right-of-way, DPW&T has notified the permittee to re-grade and stabilize all swales in the public right-of-way to provide proper drainage, repair all failed pavement areas and complete the surface course paving of the internal streets. This work should be completed by the end of this construction season (late Fall). As my staff has informed Mrs. Williams, DPW&T will not release the performance bond for the referenced permits, until all outstanding work items



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March 26, 2001
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are completed in accordance with DPW&T Standards and Specifications. Otherwise, we will enforce the provisions of the County code to default the permit in order to have any outstanding work completed using the defaulted bond monies.

In regard to the installation of sound barriers along Enterprise Road (MD Route 193), they are outside the jurisdiction of DPW&T. They are, however, within the purview of the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA). Therefore, by copy of this letter, we are forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. Charlie Watkins, District Engineer for SHA.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 883-5600, or Mr. Haidam Hijazi, the Associate Director for the Office of Engineering, at (301) 883-5710.

BHF:EM:p

cc: Barbara L. Holtz, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Leonard Lucchi, Director of Legislative Affairs
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THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

(301) 952-3864

County Council
MARVIN F. WILSON
Council Member, 5th District

February 15, 2001

MEMORANDUM

TO: ✓ Betty Hager Francis, Director
Department of Public Works & Transportation

LeRoy Maddox, Office of Law

Sandra Pesches, Executive Director
Office of Business & Regulatory Affairs

FROM: Marvin F. Wilson
Council Member, 5th District *MFW*

RE: Constituents at Sycamore Woods, Mitchellville, MD

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Attached is a letter from Mrs. Stephanie Proctor Williams, a constituent who lives on Red Cedar Drive in Mitchellville. We have all had several meetings with Mrs. Williams and her neighbors.

In reference to Mrs. Williams question contained in paragraph three of her letter, I would like to provide her with your individual list of accomplishments or issues resolved.

My office has contacted BG&E directly and we have been assured that the street lights will be installed on Friday, February 16, 2001, weather permitting.

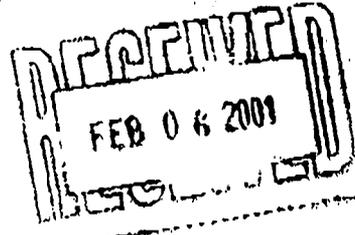
Please feel free to contact Mr. Eugene Singleton at (301) 952-3864, if you have any question.

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Stephanie Proctor Williams
2515 Red Cedar Drive
Mitchellville, MD 20721



February 4, 2001

Councilman Marvin Wilson
Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building
Upper Marlboro, MD 20744

Re: Sycamore Woods, Mitchellville, MD

Dear Councilman Wilson;

After two and a half months of bi-weekly phone calls to the Department of Public Works, I have learned that Chadsworth Homes has finally paid the necessary fees to BG&E to have street lights installed in our community. However, BG&E has no idea when they will install the lights. I contacted Mr. Singleton in your office on February 2, to ask that you contact BG&E to expedite the installation process. Mr. Singleton said that I should put this request in writing but that it may be more appropriately handled by a State official; accordingly, I have copied numerous State officials, and the County Executive, on this letter.

Although BG&E has only recently received payment for the lights, Chadsworth Homes has had a County permit for the development of Sycamore Woods since at least 1997 and residents have been living here since 1999. It would have been most prudent to have lights installed prior to residents moving in; obviously, that did not happen and we have been in the dark for over two years. It is our hope that you will contact BG&E to help us obtain street lights for a safe and secure community as soon as possible. Bernie Keim at BG&E, (410) 291-3086, is responsible for our community.

As you know, we have been discussing a variety of other issues (street paving, entrance sign and completion, sound barriers, drainage, etc.) since last June. So that I may update my neighbors, please forward to me a list of items that the County has accomplished thus far and when we may expect closure on this matter. I may be reached at the address above or by phone at (301) 249-1672 or (301) 636-1239. We appreciate all of your efforts and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Stephanie P. Williams
Stephanie P. Williams

cc: Senator Nathaniel Exum
Delegate Carolyn Howard
Senator Mike Miller
County Executive Wayne Curry

Delegate Joanne C. Benson
Delegate Darrin Swain
Delegate Jim Proctor
Residents of Sycamore Woods



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April 2, 2001

The Honorable Marvin F. Wilson
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Dear Councilman Wilson:

This letter is a follow-up to the March 12 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA), regarding the alignment of the sound barrier project for the Ardmore community in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information.

The goal of Maryland's Sound Barrier Program is to provide mitigation for residents who are impacted by high levels of highway traffic noise. Throughout the development of this project, SHA was asked to explore sound barrier options that would not diminish the current visibility of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church from area roadways. In order to address both of these concerns, two alignment options were considered: the original proposed alignment that would build the barrier entirely within SHA right of way, and an option to turn the barrier back along and parallel to Ebenezer Lane. After careful review of both the options and the input from the residents of the area and church representatives, SHA has decided to proceed to construct the original alignment.

As mentioned at the meeting, the barrier project for the Ardmore community will be advertised with another sound barrier project on US 50. The selected contractor will designate the order in which the two projects will be built. We anticipate giving the contract a Notice to Proceed this coming Fall.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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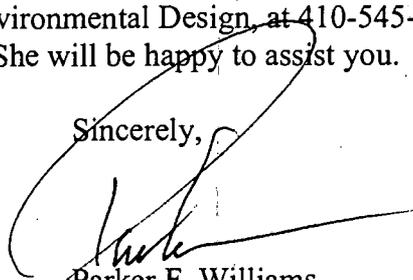
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Dear Councilman Wilson:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the Ardmore Community regarding the proposed sound barrier project. This meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2001, from 7 to 9 P.M., at the Ardmore Elementary School, 9301 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Springdale, Maryland. The purpose of this meeting is to present several options for the placement of the sound barrier.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. In case of inclement weather or, if you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



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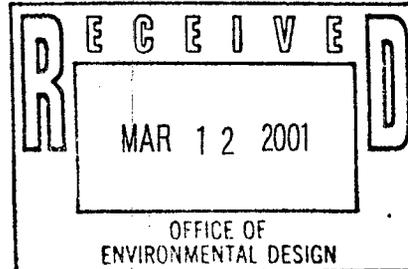
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Mr. Charlie Watkins
District Engineer
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Dear Mr. Watkins:

I am enclosing correspondence for your review from Ms. Teena Green of the Auth Village Civic Association, whose problem appears to fall within your jurisdiction.

In consideration of the issues raised, please review this case. Any information that will enable me to respond to my constituent's inquiry will be appreciated. Please return your report to my **Oxon Hill Office**.

Sincerely,

Albert R. Wynn
Member of Congress

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Auth Village Civic Association

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February 25, 2001

The Honorable Albert R. Wynn
6009 Oxon Hill Road, Suite 208
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Albert R. Wynn
Oxon Hill Office

Dear Congressman Wynn:

We would like to bring you up-to-date and seek your support on a matter of great concern to the residents of our community, the Auth Village subdivision in Camp Springs, Maryland, located between the Capital Beltway and the Branch Avenue Metro Station, in Prince George's County.

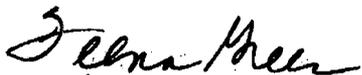
Auth Village was approved for a Capital Beltway sound barrier earlier this year. We were delighted with this news, until we truly understood what we were getting. Now that we understand, we take strong issue against the design of the proposed sound barrier in Auth Village. To get straight to the point, the proposed design covers about 13 homes along the Capital Beltway and leaves five (5) homes not covered by a sound barrier at all. We feel that all of the homes should be covered and that none should be excluded.

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) has estimated the cost of extending the currently designed sound barrier to protect the 5 homes. SHA estimates that protecting these homes will add an additional \$500,000.00 to the current project (which is being funded by the State and County). This cost is based on the work being accomplished along with the planned project; if done later, the costs may be greater.

The design proposal is based on the manner in which the Maryland SHA administers its Type I and Type II policies for determining which communities, along the Capital Beltway, get approval to receive sound barrier protection. We have reviewed the policies with the SHA Office of Design, and believe we understand the policies and the rationale behind them. However, stringent policies do not fit every situation; we feel that these policies definitely do not fit our situation. In fact, there are homes in the impacted area that predate the Beltway; these homes were not considered as vulnerable to the noise. Another factor is that traffic on the Beltway is constantly expanding; so, even the newer homes were built in quieter times. The noise and hazards that currently exist will only worsen in the upcoming years.

Since the Capital Beltway is an Interstate Highway, we believe that some federal funds should be used to pay for the additional wall sections needed to cover the five (5) homes. We would appreciate it if your office will investigate the possibility of allocating some federal funding for this project.

Sincerely,



Teena Green, President
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Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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March 19, 2001

The Honorable Albert R. Wynn
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
6009 Oxon Hill Road
Oxon Hill MD 20745

Dear Congressman Wynn:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Charlie Watkins, our District Engineer, regarding the sound barrier for the Auth Village community, along the inner loop of I-95/I-495 at Auth Road in Prince George's County. Mr. Watkins forwarded your letter to me for response. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with information that may be helpful to you in framing a response to your constituent, Ms. Teena Green.

As Ms. Green noted in her letter to you, the State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. We do so to comply with environmental laws that were passed in the 1970s that require the evaluation of potential environmental impacts, including noise. Under these laws, SHA performs an environmental analysis to determine if future noise levels will equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels and, if so, whether those noise levels can be reduced for a reasonable cost. Affected homes must predate the approval of the highway improvements.

When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—a community that predates the original highway may be considered for a "Type II," or "retrofit," barrier. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. The following technical criteria must be met for a barrier to be approved: the majority of homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold; and an effective barrier can be built for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If these criteria are met, the local jurisdiction in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of noise on new residential development, and the local jurisdiction must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

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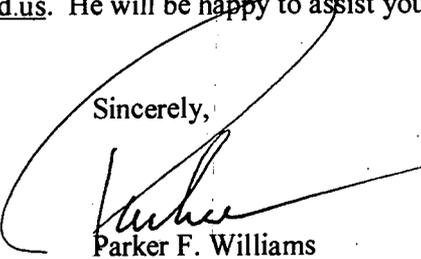
Ms. Green mentions that the proposed barrier will not protect five homes along Walton Avenue. The first step in the evaluation of Auth Village was to analyze the eligibility of the community on the basis of the construction dates of the homes compared to the 1964 opening date of the Capital Beltway (I-95/I-495). Our research revealed that two subdivisions are actually at issue: Andrews Square (which does not meet our date criterion) and Andrews Manor (the community to which SHA refers as "Auth Village," and which does meet our date criterion). Because none of the homes in the Andrews Square subdivision, including the five homes along Walton Avenue, were constructed before I-95/I-495, we could not justify a sound barrier for that subdivision.

The Auth Village Civic Association also asked what the cost would be to extend the proposed sound barrier to protect the Walton Avenue homes. Such an extension would add approximately 1,103 linear feet, and 17,356 square feet, of barrier to the present design. The estimated cost to extend this barrier would be \$562,334.

The evaluation of the Auth Village (Andrews Manor) community determined that it meets all of the technical requirements for a Type II sound barrier. Prince George's County has agreed to fund 20 percent of the barrier's cost of construction. State funding for the project has been budgeted, and the design for the barrier has begun. Based on the design schedule, we anticipate that construction will begin this Summer. For your information, enclosed are copies of our *Sound Barrier Policy* and our *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962, or cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,


Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosures

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Enclosures:

One copy of *Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration Sound Barrier Policy*, dated May 11, 1998

One copy of MDOT/SHA brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*

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August 3, 2001

The Honorable Robert A. Zirkin
Maryland House of Delegates
P.O. Box 239
Owings Mills MD 21117-0239

Dear Delegate Zirkin:

This letter is a follow-up to the State Highway Administration's (SHA) June 4 informational meeting conducted for the Country Club Park community in Baltimore County regarding the planned sound barrier project along northbound I-83. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this update. As indicated at the meeting, SHA requires that 75 percent of the impacted homeowners must be in favor of the barrier project. The Country Club Park community has reached the 75 percent concurrence. Details regarding the construction schedule for the sound barrier project will be forthcoming.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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- Mr. Gary Wantz, Project Engineer, Office of Highway Design, State Highway Administration

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Parris N. Glendening
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May 7, 2001

The Honorable Robert A. Zirkin
Maryland House of Delegates
P.O. Box 239
Owings Mills MD 21117-0239

Dear Delegate Zirkin:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the Country Club Park community regarding the proposed sound barrier along northbound I-83, to the north of Seminary Avenue, in Baltimore County. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 4, 2001, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Ridgely Middle School, 121 East Ridgely Road, Lutherville-Timonium, Maryland. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Parker F. Williams', enclosed in a large, loopy oval shape.

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
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January 5, 2001

The Honorable Robert A. Zirkin
Maryland House of Delegates
P.O. Box 239
Owings Mills MD 21117-0239

Dear Delegate Zirkin:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of your constituents from the Hunt Ridge community along southbound I-83, south of Timonium Road in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to you on this issue.

The desire of the residents of the Hunt Ridge community to obtain a sound barrier is certainly understood. As I had indicated in my July 21 letter to you, the reason the Hunt Ridge area is not eligible for our sound barrier program is that the community was developed after the construction of I-83. One of the basic criteria used to determine eligibility for sound barriers is the date the homes were built in relation to when the adjacent highway was constructed.

In 1996, when the Maryland Department of Transportation undertook a review of its Sound Barrier Policy, a panel of State legislators was convened to assist in this review. The panel considered appropriate criteria for determining a community's eligibility for a sound barrier. The consensus of the review panel was that it is appropriate to use public funds for sound barriers when, through some State action, an existing community has been adversely impacted by highway noise. The definition of "State action" focused on either the expansion of an existing highway or the construction of a new highway. It was concluded that we should not consider sound barrier requests that are based on normal traffic growth on an existing highway. If we were to determine eligibility for a sound barrier based on the level of noise, regardless of when homes were built, there would be a significant increase in the number of communities that would qualify, well beyond our ability to fund these barriers. Indeed, many communities that were built in the last few years could qualify under such a policy. We are not comfortable with this approach. Another important consideration is that sound barriers are only eligible for Federal funding if they are proposed for communities that were built before the highway. Any change in our Policy could jeopardize Federal funding. This would require us to use only State funds for barriers in this category.

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Sincerely,



John D. Porcari
Secretary

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Ted,

This is due to MDOT on 12/7. Parker's office needs it by 12/5.

Please review the following attachment(s) from the Maryland Department of Transportation.

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ROBERT A. ZIRKIN
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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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November 16, 2000

LARKEN W. WILLIAMS
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SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Dear Secretary Porcari:

Although I realize I have contacted you on this issue previously, I wanted to bring to your attention a petition signed by over 70 homeowners in the Huntridge Community which I recently received. As you may know, the petition is regarding the installation of a sound wall barrier along Southbound I-83 between Timonium Road and Seminary Avenue projected to end before Timonium Road, thereby eliminating coverage for numerous properties of the Huntridge Community and the 7 acre Fowble residence. On behalf of these concerned residents, I would like to reiterate the request that this plan be re-evaluated.

I have enclosed a copy of the petition for your information. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Please contact my district office if I may be of some assistance.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Zirkin
Delegate, 11th District

Cc. Huntridge Community
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To: Governor Glendening, Lieutenant Governor Townsend, Senator Hollinger, Delegate Finifter, Delegate Morhaim, Delegate Zirkin, The Honorable Dutch Ruppertsberger, Congressman Ehrlich

This letter is to call your attention to an evolving situation regarding the pending installation of a sound wall along Southbound I-83 between Timonium Road and Seminary Avenue (0.95 miles from the Seminary Road Bridge to the new Timonium Road Exit Ramp light). If the current plans are executed, there is a strong possibility that the length of this wall will not extend to Timonium Road, thereby eliminating coverage for numerous properties of the Huntridge Community and the 7 acre Fowble residence, located at 201 W Timonium Road, which is located right behind the Southbound I-83 ramp.

The common understanding in our Community, from original home owners, realtors and Ron Bowers of Longford North, is that the original plan in 1985 included constructing a sound wall along the entire stretch from Timonium Road to Seminary Avenue, thereby covering the last unprotected area in the corridor. However in 1990, this stretch was left out of the plan and a fight ensued to re-include it. It is our understanding that the resolution was to comply with the 1985 plan, thereby providing this stretch of land with the sound barrier. Now that things have reached the planning phase with the Office of Environmental Design, it seems that their directive may still unfairly exclude this single section, which is less than one half of a mile in length. Indications are that the wall is projected to wrap around Longford North, not extending down the ramp to Timonium Road.

We, the residents of the Huntridge Community believe, that while we do not qualify as either Type I or Type II, we should receive a sound wall due to the tremendous increase in both traffic and noise levels. It is just the right thing to do for several reasons:

- The noise level of the most impacted homes, exceeds 66 decibels most times of the day.
- Since the connections of I-83 to I-81 and I-84 around Harrisburg were made, I-83 is part of the only non-toll route that runs from Canada all the way down the eastern US coast. As a result, both car and truck traffic has drastically increased. (Exact figures are currently being tracked.)
- The widening of I-695 has led to a tremendous increase in traffic volume and noise.
- As proven by the new traffic light, at the intersection of Timonium Road and Exit 16 from Southbound I-83, there has been a dramatic increase in traffic (and noise) in this area.
- Longford North, the community to our South, doesn't meet either criteria for Type I or Type II barriers, but is getting a wall by 2001.
- We have a letter from the Honorable R. Brian McIntire stating that he will work to secure the 20% county funding.
- The Fowble residence was built before I-83 and meets all criteria for a sound barrier, except cost per benefiting home. However, all of the Huntridge residents (172 homes) would benefit from a sound wall, thus making them eligible for the wall. This being the case, it does not make sense to exclude the 2000 feet of Huntridge between the Fowble residence and the Longford North Community, which would be the only remaining section of I-83 that would be without a sound wall.
- In addition, more than reasonable effort has been made by various members of our community to either prove or disprove that the plans actually included this stretch of highway. However, no concrete documentation exists; no where does it say that the sound barrier should end at Longford North, Timonium Road, or otherwise. In addition, we were told that when the offices of Long-Range Planning were remodeled several years ago, many documents were thrown away.
- This remaining .48 mile section (from Longford North to Timonium Road) can be added to the current Longford North plan without much additional expense.

It is very disconcerting to us that our properties would be excluded from coverage at this point in the planning process. We are especially concerned, having been included in the original plan 1985, that if the current plans are approved, Longford North may be the only benefiting community.

We urge you to investigate these facts and protect your constituents from further frustration on a project that has been in the works for at least 15 years. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Concerned Huntridge Community Residents
see attachments

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ROBERT A. ZIRKIN
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We urge you to investigate these facts and protect your constituents from further frustration on a project that has been in the works for at least 15 years. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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