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Mr. William R. Ross  
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Dear Mr. Ross:

This is in response to your letter to Brent Bair concerning the non-functioning street lighting on Hamlin Road east of your city limits in the City of Rochester Hills. I contacted the City of Rochester Hills concerning this street lighting since the Road Commission does not install nor pay for the maintenance of street lighting, even when it is on roads under our jurisdiction.

The City of Rochester Hills looked into the issue of the streetlights being out on W. Hamlin Road, east of S. Adams Road. They identified eight (8) streetlights as not operating within the traffic median island for Hamlin between Adams Road & Rookery Street. These lights are located within their City limits and they do not know the reason why the lights are not functioning.

They believe the lights were initially installed by the City of Auburn Hills when Hamlin Road was improved to a boulevard from Squirrel to Adams for the Oakland Technology Park Development and that the lights may have been constructed under some type of special assessment district. Rochester Hills called the Detroit Edison Lighting Group (Jake Polega) to determine if the above streetlights belong to them. Detroit Edison advised Rochester Hills that the lights are not Detroit Edison's and they therefore do not have an executed City of Rochester Hills/DE Lighting Agreement for maintenance. Detroit Edison said that they provide metered service for the existing streetlights within Auburn Hills, but not for the above lights.

Rochester Hills could not find any type of an Inter-City Street Light Cost Agreement between Rochester Hills & Auburn Hills to share in the annual maintenance for these streetlights. Rochester Hills can only assume the lights were placed without notification to them.

Based on the above, I would request that you contact Paul Davis or Marc Matich at the City of Rochester Hills to get this issue resolved.

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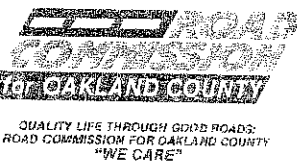
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If I can be of any further help, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Director  
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