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Mr. Thomas G. Blust, P.E.
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Road Commission for Oakland County
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Dear Mr. Blust:

Thank you for your letter dated December 22, 2010, regarding the proposed Washington Road paving project. We believe that your letter summarized the items discussed during the meeting held December 15, 2010, with administrators of the City of Rochester, the City of Rochester Hills and the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC). The purpose of that meeting was for the cities to present their primary concerns regarding the design of the project. Your correspondence defines the RCOC position on four key design issues:

- 1) Design and posted speed limit of Washington Road
- 2) Proposed cross-section of the road
- 3) Maintaining the existing Traffic Control Order (TCO) for "No Thru Trucks"
- 4) Realignment of Washington Road at the Dequindre intersection.

We understand that the RCOC follows state laws in setting speed limits and is expected to use AASHTO and FHWA Design Guidelines for roadway cross-sections and design speeds as a condition of using the federal funding. Furthermore, we also understand that internal policies regarding roadway classification and truck routes, and the lack of available funding for the realignment of the Washington at Dequindre intersection pose additional constraints to meeting recommendations included in the Stoney Creek Advisory Committee Report and concerns raised by local residents.

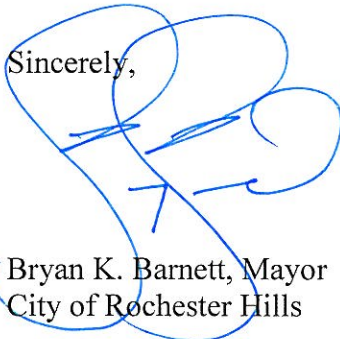
We believe the RCOC has been cooperative throughout the design phase of the project. However, it appears that the proposed design plan has not garnered sufficient support at the local level in either community amongst neighboring residents, the Rochester Hills Historic District Commission, or with its elected officials.


The City of Rochester Hills took action by Resolution 2007-0342 and set forth specific conditions for the Washington Road project. These conditions required retaining the character of the road, a cross section similar to Dutton to protect the trees, and a design speed not to exceed 35 mph. Since the design is unable to meet the stated goals, as Mayor of Rochester Hills I am respectfully withdrawing Rochester Hill's support for the project and request the RCOC discontinue its current plan to pave Washington Road.

The City of Rochester has received substantial concern from residents regarding the project and members of the City Council have expressed their desire that the citizen's concerns be addressed through design modifications of the Washington Road project. Since the design is unable to address these concerns, as Mayor of Rochester I am informing you that during its meeting of January 10, 2011, City Council took action by Resolution to de-commit any past "Tri-Party Funds," which may have been reserved and respectfully request the RCOC discontinue its current plan to pave Washington Road.

The City of Rochester Hills and the City of Rochester appreciate the effort, cooperation, and professionalism afforded to us and our residents during the Washington Road design phase and public meetings.

We look forward to a continued successful partnership on upcoming road projects with RCOC. As always, please do not hesitate to let us know if you need any additional information or further action.

Sincerely,

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