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RE: FHR –MT Meeting Request with GDOT for Re-assessment Regarding Traffic Projections Analysis

Dear Dr. Holliday:

The Department is in receipt of your recent request by e-mail on September 27, 2010 for an additional meeting with Forest Hill Road – Mediation Team (FHR-MT) to consider the Traffic Project Analysis methodology. The Department appreciated the opportunity to meet with Senator Brown and the FHR-MT on June 17, 2010 to discuss the above noted project at your request. At this meeting, the presentation by FHR-MT was reviewed and discussed with a focus on your concerns about the projects. The FHR-MT comments and investigative research provided was insightful concerning Round About and their use. Public Involvement is and remains an important element of the projects development process and your input has been commendable and duly noted.

The purpose of the project is to accommodate the additional capacity in an efficient manner, while improving the safety and operational efficiency of Forest Hill Road throughout the project limits. The FHR-MT noted that reducing safety risks to vehicles and pedestrians is a key element with the community, which the approved design also addresses.

The Department's project development process considers all elements collectively to make a selection based upon the best alternative. This process was completed and has considered all components, which the Department is in agreement with and supports the approved design. It was determined that the methodology used to project the traffic volumes is consistent with GDOT policy, which was validated by GDOT. In addition, re-evaluations were performed periodically to ensure that changes in traffic data were incorporated and accurate depicted in the model.

Mr. Holliday, your statements in the e-mail is cause for concern inciting willful intent to misrepresent information. This assessment regarding the traffic analysis and counts, insinuates that somehow there was intent to manipulate data for some intended result. The Department rejects your assessment that the data was manipulated to justify a result. In fact, the updated data does represent a change in data; however, it does not change the overall results significantly, which would affect the current design.

At this time, the Department respectfully decline to host or facilitate a meeting with respect to the methodology of the Traffic Projections and Analysis on this project. If you have any additional question please contact Clinton Ford, the Department's Project Manager, at 678-343-0929.

Sincerely,

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