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Dear Lindsay:

Thanks for your continued correspondence on the Forest Hill Road project.

I thought you may be interested in the enclosed email written by Georgia Department of Transportation (GDoT) staff in response to inquiries made by my staff. My staff only recently shared this with me.

Because GDoT's email did not go into detail on traffic projections, my staff followed up with GDoT, who said the Macon area showed "strong" growth from the mid-90s through mid-2000s, which was followed by a slowdown in the 2006-2009 time due to the historic spike in fuel prices and the sharp downturn in the economy starting in late 2007. Thus, it is not surprising that the actual traffic counts on Forest Hill Road have not risen to the levels projected in the earlier forecast. Please look over the enclosed documents which will show you how GDoT, and probably the U.S. Department of Transportation, views this matter.

Please let me know if I can help in any other way.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure
JM:tn