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Mr. A. C. Reynolds, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Reynolds:

As you are aware I recently attended a public meeting regarding the status of the Winston Salem Loop. During this meeting I received several comments from the attendees indicating the need for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to provide more detailed information to affected property owners and the City-County Planning Department for Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

Due to the comments received at the public meeting, NCDOT has taken steps to improve communication regarding advanced acquisition hardship requests and procedures for requesting property improvements within the protected corridor. We have also reviewed our rental agreements for individuals renting our properties within the protected corridor. The details related to these steps are outlined as follows:

- Each property previously submitted for advanced acquisition due to a hardship which was not approved has been reviewed. In each case NCDOT has begun the process of sending letters to each of the affected property owners to indicate the status of their request and to inform them of appropriate contact information if they have additional questions regarding their request.
- NCDOT has begun writing each current property owner within the protected corridor to inform them of the proper procedures to follow when requesting property improvements while under corridor protection. This correspondence also provides appropriate contact information if they have additional questions regarding their request. In addition to letters to property owners NCDOT is in the process of adding the corridor protection policy and procedure along with frequently asked questions to the website. This information will be added to the website within the next two weeks.
- NCDOT has contacted the City-County Planning Department for Winston-Salem and Forsyth County and requested that they forward any property improvement request to NCDOT for review prior to any decision. We will support any reasonable request to maintain the integrity of existing homes and quality of life.
- NCDOT has reviewed our rental agreements to ensure appropriate language is contained to require NCDOT leased property is kept in proper condition and complies with any subdivision covenants. Any agreements not containing the proper language will be revised appropriately. Enforcement of these requirements has already begun.

As we discussed at the public meeting, funding is the major issue affecting all the loops. That's why the prioritization process is necessary to determine how to spend the limited funds available. Under our existing funding sources we realize approximately \$150 million a year of designated loop funds. There are 25 loop projects competing for these funds with a total cost of approximately \$8 billion for all 25 projects. Assuming no inflation, we will still be constructing existing urban loops in our state for at least

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60 years. I do not believe there are any citizens in our state that believe living within a protected corridor for 60 years or greater is desirable. Therefore, I have also asked our staff to develop multiple options for a revised corridor protection policy for consideration by the Board of Transportation.

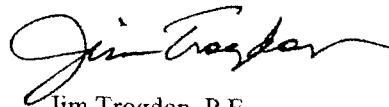
To determine spending priorities, a data-driven prioritization formula based on factors such as congestion, safety, economic benefit, travel time savings and cost was developed. The formula was derived from extensive consultation with the local communities and other stakeholders.

The ranking is not final at this time. The Draft Work Program was released in July as a draft document, to be refined over the coming year based on input from local communities and the public. I would encourage you to work with the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to help shape a final prioritization formula that is fair to all communities statewide. I also encourage you and others in your community to consider all funding available for your region when determining priorities for your transportation projects.

For questions regarding this information or if you would like to share any additional suggestions for improving communication regarding this project the point of contact is Division Engineer Pat Ivey at 336-703-6500. The point of contact for Right of Way hardship acquisitions, corridor protection, property improvement or leased property questions is Division Right of Way Agent Rodney Hatton at 336-760-8737.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your questions and comments regarding this project. We look forward to our continued work together on the NCDOT Work Program as we all strive to make all modes of transportation as effective and efficient as possible for the citizens of North Carolina.

Sincerely,



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