

## Department of Land Use

March 30, 2009

Carolann Wicks, P.E. Secretary Delaware Department of Transportation 800 Bay Road P.O. Box 778 Dover, Delaware 19903

Re: Transportation concerns in Barley Mill and Greenville community area

Dear Secretary Wicks:

On behalf of the Department of Land Use we want to extend our sincerest appreciation to you and your staff on your efforts and correspondence to the various community members on issues and concerns as they relate to development plans in the Barley Mill and Greenville area. Everyone involved understands the complexity of these development plans and how this will interrelate to the transportation system in this region of New Castle County. Please allow me the opportunity to again relay the issues that have been brought to my and your attention as we go forward with our collective reviews.

As discussed several months ago, DelDot, as part of the transportation review for these various developments, would also conduct a sub regional type study to examine the effects of development on the local roads. As you may be aware, the residents of this area have hired Orth Rodgers to assist them in understanding the traffic study and movements. It is my understating that your staff has been presented with the questions and information from Orth Rodgers on the pending study. Again, we appreciate the efforts and cooperation from DelDot and request that as the information on the study becomes available that your staff be able to meet with the interested parties to discuss the results. The ability for Land Use and DelDot to be able to update the community on the progress of the study would be valuable as we review these projects.

Another issue that has been requested of the Land Use Department, as well as DelDot, is to keep the residents updated on the Tyler McConnell Bridge project. As we are all aware, this project has been the subject of much discussion and controversy. Any new updates that could be relayed the community would be appreciated.

Finally, several area residents of Buck Road have sent your office concerns about the safety of Buck Road and the proposed expansion to Greenville Center. Your staff has already responded to these concerns that were raised. I would request that your staff keep the concerned parties informed on any updates or determinations on these issues. I also want to commend your staff on the timely response to the constituent question on other entrance possibilities for the Barley Mill project.

As always, the Department appreciates our relationship with DelDot and looks forward to our cooperation on these issues. Please contact me at 87 Reads Way, New Castle, DE. 19720, or 395-5463 if you wish to discuss these matters further.

Sincerely,

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