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SECRETARY

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Hazen Blodgett  
Town Manager  
Town of Matthews  
232 Matthews Station Street  
Matthews, NC 28105


Dear Hazen,

I am writing in response to your letter and the Town's resolution expressing concerns with the current design standards for the U-4714 (East John Street Improvement) project. We recognize the Town's desire to retain a small town character on the corridor and at the John Street-Trade Street intersection. Transportation improvement projects such as this inherently alter the surrounding landscape. However, we are committed to implementing solutions meeting project purpose and need while maintaining a balance with the local community.

This project is intended to improve mobility for all users of the route. As stewards of public funds we are charged with providing transportation improvement projects that meet acceptable levels of service in the project's future design year. The elements identified in the preferred design alternative allow us to meet this requirement. We believe that we can provide a design satisfying purpose and need, meeting operational expectations, and accommodating pedestrian safety and mobility by partnering with the Town to find the best fit solution with context sensitivity.

We will gladly meet with Town to discuss all the points of concern identified in your letter and will work to provide responses to the specific requests in the resolution. Our project team members will contact you to schedule the meeting. In the interim, please feel free to contact me with any specific questions or to discuss further.

Sincerely,

  
Louis L. Mitchell, P.E.  
Division 10 Engineer