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SECRETARY

July 2, 1998

The Honorable Rosemary I. Waldorf  
Mayor of Chapel Hill  
306 North Columbia Street  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516

Dear Mayor Waldorf:

Secretary Tolson asked me to follow up with you on a couple of transportation issues affecting Chapel Hill.

As the Secretary promised in his telephone conversation with you last week, attached are several copies of the drawing of South Columbia Street that depicts the improvements you would like, along with the safety measures we would require. Because we know you want to minimize disruption to properties adjacent to the right of way, our drawings show a four-foot berm behind the curb and gutter. If we build sidewalks, the berm would need to be wider. Based on the wishes of the Chapel Hill community, we have abandoned our original plans to construct a five-lane road.

Additionally, you shared with Secretary Tolson your concerns about erosion from the widening project on NC 86. I am attaching a project status report that shows the contractor should be back on the job immediately. We will keep a close eye on this project and encourage you to keep us posted on any concerns you have.

We look forward to hearing back from you on the Columbia Street project. We would be happy to come meet with a community delegation to further explain the necessary safety aspects of this project.

Secretary Tolson and I also look forward to working with you on future transportation issues affecting Chapel Hill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Sanderson".

Len A. Sanderson, P.E.  
State Highway Administrator

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Attachments

cc: E. Norris Tolson, Secretary, NC Department of Transportation

