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Secretary Lyndo Tippet
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Dear Secretary Tippet:

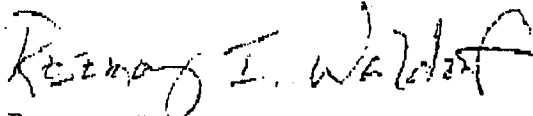
I write in regard to scheduled improvements on South Columbia Street (NC 86) in Chapel Hill.

The Town of Chapel Hill, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Department of Transportation reached agreement in 1998 on the South Columbia Street improvements that are scheduled for construction in the Transportation Improvement Program. University Executive Vice Chancellor Elson Floyd accompanied me to the meeting with Secretary Norris Nolson and joined me in requesting the agreed upon improvements. Board of Transportation Member Doug Galyon participated in the meeting, also, and approved this agreement.

The Town Council and I continue to believe that the planned improvements of Columbia Street between Manning Drive and Fordham Boulevard are adequate. Those improvements are included in the adopted 2000-2006 Transportation Improvement Program for completion in 2004, and in the proposed 2002-2008 Transportation Improvement Program for completion in 2005. If the University wishes to discuss the configuration of South Columbia Street, we believe such a discussion must be in the context of all the issues now under consideration between the Town and the University.

We see no reason to make any change in the Transportation Improvement Program at this time.

Sincerely,



Rosemary I. Waldorf
Mayor