



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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The Honorable Kevin C. Foy, Mayor
Town of Chapel Hill
405 Martin Luther King Boulevard
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

Dear Mayor Foy:

It was a pleasure to meet with you, George, Kumar, and David recently to discuss your concerns regarding the Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) schedules for South Columbia Street, TIP Project U-624, and the Chapel Hill Signal System, STIP Project U-4704. I am pleased to inform you that it appears the Department will have adequate cash capacity to allow both projects to be scheduled for let in fiscal year 2009. Project U-4704 has been assigned an April 2009 let date and Project U-624 will have a July 2009 let date.

I understand that the Town desires that the 2007-2013 STIP and Metropolitan TIP (MTIP) be amended to reflect construction in fiscal year 2009 for the South Columbia Street project, rather than simply incorporate the accelerated schedule in the draft 2009-2015 STIP. Project U-624 is designated as "regionally significant" in the Durham/Chapel Hill/ Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization's long-range transportation plan. Therefore a public-review and comment period and an administrative conformity finding are needed prior to amendment of the MTIP and STIP.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Douglas Galyon".

J. Douglas Galyon, Chairman
Board of Transportation

Cc: Mr. Mike Mills, Division Engineer, NCDOT Division 7
Mr. George Small, Town of Chapel Hill
Mr. Kumar Neppalli, Town of Chapel Hill
Mr. David Bonk, Town of Chapel Hill
Mark Ahrendsen, DCHC

