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The Honorable Kevin C. Foy
Mayor, Town of Chapel Hill
306 North Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516

Dear Mayor Foy:

I would like to thank you, the Town Council representatives, and Town staff for your insight and continued involvement in the proposed Weaver Dairy Road improvement project in Chapel Hill (TIP Project Number U-3306). As requested in the Council's January 28, 2002 resolution, we suspended work on the project to allow additional time to evaluate the proposed improvements to Weaver Dairy Road. Since then, we have received and reviewed the Council's latest resolution from April 22, 2002 and are proceeding to the next step in the project development process.

We commend the Council for including bicycle accommodations, sidewalks, bus pull-offs, and pedestrian signals in the latest resolution. The Council also indicated that we should acquire the necessary right of way for a four-lane median divided cross section but construct only a three-lane section. After thorough review and deliberation, the department still prefers a four-lane median divided section throughout the entire project. However, a final decision will not be made until comments are received from the upcoming public hearing. At this time, we anticipate holding a public hearing this fall.

The department's preference for a four-lane median divided typical section maximizes the safety and functional longevity of Weaver Dairy Road. We hope you will support our preferred typical section and look forward to receiving your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyndo Tippett".

Lyndo Tippett

cc: Doug Galyon, Member, Board of Transportation