



April 20, 2010

Ms. Kim Sanders
Safe Routes to School
Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Planning and Research
P.O. Box 2261
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RE: Turtle Creek Greenway Phase 1 -Pedestrian Bridge – AHTD Job #100666 Jonesboro SRTS (2007)
F.A.P. SRSI – 1402 (30) Bid # 2009:33

Dear Ms. Sanders:

As the City's Chief Engineer and Floodplain Administrator, I am unable to permit the construction of the pedestrian bridge as called out on the plans for the above-referenced project, without some modification. The design engineer's report indicates that bridge abutments will encroach into the regulatory floodway of Turtle Creek and will increase the base flood elevation, which is not allowable. The engineer recommends lowering a portion of the bottom of the city's stormwater detention area that is located adjacent to the project site to offset the decreased conveyance of Turtle Creek. This is an acceptable solution which can be permitted. The only other solution would be to lengthen the bridge so that the abutments are not located within the regulatory floodway. This solution, however, would be more costly than simply removing material from the bottom of the detention area.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at the above-listed number.

Sincerely,

Craig Light, P.E.
City Engineer

Cc: Jeff Owens, Parks
Harold Perrin, Mayor
Tony Thomas, Grants Coordinator