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October 28, 2005



The Honorable Doug Formon
Mayor of Jonesboro
P. O. Box 1845
Jonesboro, AR 72403

Dear Mayor ^{Formon} Formon:

As per our telephone conversation on October 27, 2005, please find enclosed the notes and correspondence the Department has regarding the financial commitments that were agreed to relative to the Caraway Road Safety Enhancement project.

The Department's commitment of \$1.5 million in Federal funds still stands.

Should you have questions regarding this information, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan Flowers".

Dan Flowers
Director of Highways
and Transportation

Enclosure (3)

c: U. S. Representative Marion Berry
Commissioner John Ed Regenold
Chief Engineer
Assistant to the Director
Dr. Les Wyatt, ASU

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Jonesboro, Arkansas

Mr. Dan Flowers
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Dear Dan:

I received a copy of correspondence sent recently by Representative Marion Berry to the United States Transportation Department. Mr. Berry requests that funds for the Caraway overpass be included in the write up of the coming transportation bill of the federal government. Mr. Berry seeks funding through a line-item appropriation for this important project.

I understand that it will be necessary for the State of Arkansas to list this project as a high priority, in order to receive federal funds if the appropriation is approved. I would greatly appreciate your consideration to list the Caraway overpass in a priority category high enough to receive federal funds as the result of this requested appropriation. I recognize further that the state will not have an obligation for this funding unless federal dollars are released for this project.

I continue to be grateful for your earlier commitment of \$1.5 million toward the overpass at Caraway, which will be matched by a similar sum provided by the City of Jonesboro and Arkansas State University. If we are successful in obtaining the federal funds in addition to what may be necessary at the state, local, and university levels, I continue to be hopeful that this project may be realized.

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Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Very sincerely,

Leslie Wyatt

Leslie Wyatt
President

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND
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xc: The Honorable Marion Berry
The Honorable Mayor Hubert Brodell
Dr. Robert Fisher

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Caraway Road Railroad Overpass

- AHTD study identified several alternatives; Estimated costs were \$2 to \$3 million for an overpass and approximately \$10 million for railroad track consolidation.
- AHTD has committed \$1.5 million and the City and ASU have each committed \$750,000 to the work.
- The job is included in the 1999-2001 STIP as an "illustrative" project that will be advanced if special funds become available.
- ASU has received \$600,000 in Scenic Byway funds and \$200,000 in Transportation and Community System Preservation (TCSP) funds for project development. Both of these programs require a 20% non-federal match.
- In order to expedite project development, ASU will obtain the services of a consultant for environmental handling and preparation of construction plans.
- AHTD will administer the funds and assure compliance with all FHWA procedures.

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Mr. Dan Flowers
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Jonesboro, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Flowers:

Thank you for sending us the Agreement of Understanding between Arkansas State University and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for the Caraway Road Safety Enhancement Project.

I have signed the Agreement and am returning it to you for your signature. I have taken the liberty of marking through paragraph #8 on page 2. This grant is strictly for design. Construction costs are estimated at \$13 million, and total construction funding is not yet assured for this project. Consequently, Arkansas State University cannot agree to be 100% responsible for construction costs if we do not enter into the construction phase.

Our Board of Trustees will consider the resolution you provided at its May 12, 2000 meeting. We believe the resolution to be straightforward and will forward a signed copy to you once approved.

Most importantly, we appreciate the collaborative effort that is being undertaken on this particular project. The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's verbal commitment in the amount of \$1.5 million, as well as the City of Jonesboro's verbal commitment of \$750,000 only proves the need and support of this important endeavor. Our largest benefactor remains the Federal Government, but we feel confident that our legislative representatives are working hard to make this happen.

Thanks again for all your support and good work to date.

Sincerely,

Jennus L. Burton
Vice President for Finance
and Administration

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- Mayor Hubert Brodell
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