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The Honorable Harold Perrin  
Mayor of Jonesboro  
300 S. Church St.  
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

Dear Mayor Perrin,

I am writing to clarify our position regarding the City of Jonesboro proposed TAP grant linking Downtown Jonesboro to the A-State campus. As conveyed in our previous discussion, the key issue that I want to ensure that everyone understands is that placing any portion of the trail on Arkansas State University property will require a formal agreement such as a memorandum of understanding or potentially action of the Arkansas State University Board of Trustees. Please know that we are in no way expressing opposition to the conceptual plan. Because I only learned of the grant proposal late Tuesday afternoon, A-State administration has not discussed, evaluated or formed an opinion on the proposed route.

Arkansas State University will be submitting a TAP grant proposal in support of its master plan to provide multiuse linkage from Johnson Street south along University Loop East and continuing south along University Loop to the intersection of the West Loop Road and Aggie Road. We would certainly be supportive of additional linkages from the A-State campus to Downtown Jonesboro.

We appreciate your support and interest in better connecting the University to the Downtown District. We look forward to working with you to continue to enhance the quality of life for the students of Arkansas State University and the residents of Jonesboro. To this end, let's plan to bring together interested parties in the near future to discuss ways in which we can work together for the benefit of the community and the University.

Thanks,

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Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration