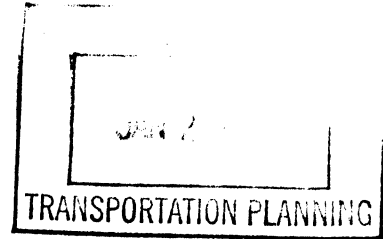




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Maryland Department of Transportation



January 19, 2007

Willard H. Derrick, Managing Member  
Derrick Brothers, LLC  
1001 Ashland Drive  
Ashton, Maryland 20861

Dear Mr. Derrick:

Thank you for the copy of your letter to County Executive Isiah Leggett regarding your pending development and the potential delay to the MD 650/MD 108 roadway improvement project. It is my pleasure to respond to your concerns.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) appreciates your level of commitment and cooperation to reach consensus with the community on a meaningful roadway improvement that will be compatible with proposed developments. Likewise, SHA has a vested interest in meeting the schedule to improve the intersection capacity and pedestrian mobility in this area. The SHA has partnered with the Ashton Meeting Place developer, the Ashton community, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation (MCDPWT) to ensure proper coordination of the MD 650/MD 108 intersection improvement plan. Your project, along with the Ashton Meeting Place development, is vital to meeting SHA's goals for this project. You may be interested to know that I wrote to Mr. Royce Hanson, Chairman of the Montgomery County Planning Board, on January 3, to outline SHA's issues and request assistance in moving the development process forward. I am enclosing a copy of that letter for you information.

The SHA will continue to work with the developers, the community, and local government agencies in the local land-use-approval process for pending developments in the Ashton area that affect SHA's project. We appreciate your continued interest to make this a better project that is consistent with the master plan for this area.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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Thank you, again, for your letter. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Steven D. Foster, Chief, Engineering Access Permits Division, SHA at 410-545-5601, toll-free 800-876-4742 or via email at [sfoster1@sha.state.md.us](mailto:sfoster1@sha.state.md.us). SHA will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Steven D. Foster, Chief, Engineering Access Permits Division, SHA  
Mr. Royce Hanson, Chairman, Montgomery County Planning Board, M-NCPPC  
The Honorable Isiah Leggett, County Executive, Montgomery County  
Mr. Darrell B. Mobley, District Engineer, SHA  
Mr. Fred Nichols, Ashton Meeting, LLC

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bcc: Mr. Kenneth T. Briggs, Chief, Highway Design Division, SHA  
Mr. Raymond Burns, Regional Supervisor, Engineering Access Permits Division, SHA  
Ms. Catherine Conlon, Subdivision Coordinator, M-NCPPC  
**Mr. Shahriar Etemadi, Transportation Supervisor, M-NCPPC**  
Mr. Glenn Klaverweiden, Agreements Coordination Team, SHA  
Ms. Rose Krasnow, Chief, Development Review, M-NCPPC  
Mr. Gregory Leck, Planning and Traffic Manager, MCDPWT  
Kate Mazzara, P.E., Assistant District Engineer-Project Development, SHA  
Mr. Kirk G. McClelland, Director, Office of Highway Development, SHA  
The Honorable Marilyn Praisner, President, Montgomery County Council  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer for Planning and  
Engineering, SHA