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Mr. James Carpenter
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Dear Mr. Carpenter:

This letter is in lieu of a meeting to update the Task Force group regarding the latest developments of the MD 180 (Jefferson Pike) project in the community of Jefferson, Maryland. As of April 5, 2016, the project reached 90 percent design completion. No major changes have occurred in the design since the last Task Force meeting on October 6, 2015.

Funding for construction has not yet been established. Funding for right-of-way has been established, and the acquisition process will begin this Summer.

The following are action items presented at the previous Task Force meeting, along with State Highway Administration's (SHA) responses to these items:

Action Item #1—The property at 3807 Jefferson Pike needs a driveway access.

Response: A driveway access request has to be sent to SHA's District Resident Maintenance Engineer from the requesting property owner. If approved, the project manager can incorporate the new driveway access into the project.

Action Item #2—The SHA will evaluate the possibility of moving the proposed sidewalk between station 147+70 and 153+50, away from the proposed curb.

Response: Moving the sidewalk back is not feasible due to excessive grading, removal of trees, and the need to purchase additional right-of-way from every property along the section.

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Action Item #3–The SHA will evaluate the possibility of pushing the proposed curb back at the Old Middletown Road intersection to prevent it from being damaged by traffic.

Response: The curb at the intersection has been pushed back as far as possible. The proposed mountable curb will prevent any future damage from traffic.


Action Item #4–There is a utility pole in the middle of the driveway at the 3739 Jefferson Pike property. The SHA will communicate this to the utility companies.

Response: After meeting with SHA regarding this situation, the utility companies are investigating relocating the pole. The SHA will update the Task Force group when the utility companies have reached a decision.

We appreciate your patience and will continue to keep you informed regarding the project's progress. If you have any additional questions or comments, please contact Ms. Nafiseh Bozorgi, SHA Office of Highway Development Project Manager, at 410-545-8896, toll-free 1-888-228-5003, or via email at nbozorgi@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

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