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Dear Mr. Handal:

Thank you for attending the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group. Your presentation was very informative. However, a few questions remain outstanding to which we would appreciate a written response by the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of our Project Review Subcommittee.

1. We are unsure of how we can respond to any potential EIR concerns. First of all, we remain unsure of the timeline for the EIR, and whether our comments will be sought or expected. Please explain how best we could relay our concerns and have them received in time for serious consideration.
2. Following the meeting, we were unable to recollect your exact timeline. Could you please inform us of your potential start and finish date, and if there is likely to be any conflict with bird-breeding season for any threatened species.
3. Like the letter you received from a nearby Talmadge resident, we also have concerns about the steepness of the slope, identified by you as not exceeding 45 degrees. Should that slope exceed 45 degrees, is your intention to regrade it to 45 degrees? Please confirm that if the slope is as much as 65 percent in places, it will not present engineering, or construction problems.
4. There was discussion about tree size with the Landscape Architect, but final resolution of this issue was left undetermined. Fifteen gallon trees were requested by us, and we heard no statements that they were outside of consideration. However, we remain unsure of the ratio of 15-gallon to 1-gallon trees, and would appreciate some clarification.

5. We expressed concern for the two trees on the west side of Miracle Drive. We understand that while one is safe, the other is imperiled. We would appreciate confirmation of which tree is imperiled, and the overall likelihood of the imperiled tree being removed. We remain appreciative of your sensitivity towards the heritage tree located on the north side of Miracle Drive.

6. While we were insistent upon colored concrete being used for the dissipater, your statements indicated that you believed that it would be too expensive to color the concrete 'navajo brown'. While the concrete need not be color matched to the same depth of color as the surrounding earth, we believe that some shade other than typical grey would be preferable. We would appreciate your comments regarding the possibility of accommodating our request on this point.

7. We have some concern about whether this project would entail cutting into the Miracle Drive road bed. Should this occur, how would it correspond to current planned road resurfacing in Talmadge.

Again, thank you for attending our April 10<sup>th</sup> planning group meeting. We would very much appreciate your responses to these questions in advance of our May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Project Review Subcommittee meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David K. Moty".

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