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Re: Comment Period on Draft EIS, Northwest I-75/I-575 Corridor

Dear Mr. Fedora and Mr. VanMeter:

This firm represents the City of Atlanta ("City") and is advising the City in the NEPA process for the Northwest I-75/I-575 Corridor project. The City has received and is reviewing the Draft EIS dated May 2007.

We are writing on behalf of the City to request a 45-day extension of the comment period. If an extension is granted, comments would be due on August 28, 2007.

An extension is needed for two main reasons. As you know, the Draft EIS and its appendices are several hundred pages long. There are also thousands of pages of studies and other materials referenced or incorporated in the document. Most of the material is technical in nature and requires analysis by city technical staff. Such work would be above and beyond their regular duties, which already is commanding their full-time attention. The technical material also needs review by outside consultants for the City. This review is in progress.

Second, producing the City's written comments will require coordination among several levels of City staff and City officials, as well as coordination with the technical team. The communication and review process that is involved with this matter involves more than one department within the City as well as the involvement of senior staff and elected officials.

Therefore, in view of the highly technical nature of the material, the volume of material, the levels of review and coordination both inside and outside of the City, the City of Atlanta respectfully requests that you extend the comment period through August 28, 2007, for the Northwest I-75/I-575 Corridor Draft EIS. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Yours truly,

Lori Potter

cc: City of Atlanta

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July 3, 2007

The Honorable Shirley Franklin, Mayor of Atlanta
City of Atlanta
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Re: Comment Period on Northwest I-75/I-575 Corridor Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mayor Franklin:

On behalf of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA), I would like to acknowledge receipt of the letter sent on your behalf by Ms. Lori Potter of Kaplan Kirsch Rockwell dated May 31, 2007 requesting a 45-day extension of the public comment period for the Northwest I-75/I-575 Corridor Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS).

As published in the Federal Register Notice on May 18, 2007, the comment period was scheduled to terminate on July 13, 2007, or a period of 45 days after publication of the Notice of Availability. After much discussion, we would like to inform you of our decision to extend the comment period for a total of 30 days to August 12, 2007. Because the comment period cannot end on a non-business day, the effective close of comments will be August 13, 2007. This extension would provide you a total of 76 days to prepare your comments, based on the EPA issued Notice of Availability. This time frame will also allow the project to remain on schedule with minimal impact. Your comments should be received by this date to assure that they are properly considered in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. Any comments received after this date will be considered to the extent practicable. GDOT has always tried and will continue to coordinate with the City of Atlanta on this project. A notice to extend the Draft EIS comment period will be published in the Federal Register on Friday, July 13, 2007.

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We thank you very much for your strong interest in this project and we look forward to receiving your comments. We hope to have the opportunity of coordinating with you in an effort to resolve your concerns to our mutual satisfaction.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner
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To: Kristine Hansen-Dederick
Subject: FW: GDOT response to Mayor Shirley Franklin, Atlanta, re: Comment Period on Draft EIS, Northwest Corridor I-75/I-575

Attachments: Linnenkohl to Mayor Shirley Franklin, re Comment Period of Draft EIS.pdf



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From: Marvin Woodward
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2007 1:15 PM
To: Crew Heimer; Jim Ritchey
Subject: Fw: GDOT response to Mayor Shirley Franklin, Atlanta, re: Comment Period on Draft EIS, Northwest Corridor I-75/I-575

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Subject: GDOT response to Mayor Shirley Franklin, Atlanta, re: Comment Period on Draft EIS, Northwest Corridor I-75/I-575

Mr. Spitulnik and Ms. Potter:

Attached, for your advanced information, please find Commissioner Linnenkohl's response to the Honorable Mayor Shirley Franklin granting an extension of the comment period on the Draft EIS of the Northwest Corridor.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

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