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March 24, 2014

Mr. Porter K. Wheeler
4 Oxford Street
Chevy Chase MD 20815

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

This is in reference to your letter asking the State Highway Administration (SHA) to reconsider a pedestrian signal to allow for a safe crossing of MD 185 (Connecticut Avenue) at Lenox Street in Chevy Chase Village in Montgomery County, Maryland. I appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to you regarding this matter.

First, I apologize for the confusion that occurred regarding the letter Mr. Brian Young sent to Mr. Michael Younes of Chevy Chase Village. It was not the intent of the State Highway Administration (SHA) to suggest that a signal may be justified based upon a study done in 1977. As you know, conditions in 1977 are not the same conditions that exist in 2014, and the current conditions do not justify a full color traffic signal at this intersection. However, in view of your comments, I asked the traffic engineering staff at the Office of Traffic and Safety as well as the staff at the District office in Greenbelt to revisit the request for a pedestrian activated signal.

After review, we have determined that although a full color traffic signal is not warranted, we will install a pedestrian-activated flashing yellow beacon at the intersection on a trial basis for one year. After one year, an additional evaluation will be done to determine if any further measures are necessary.

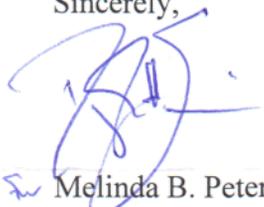
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Thank you again for your letter. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Brian W. Young, SHA District Engineer at 301-513-7311, toll free at 1-800-749-0737 or via email at byoung@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Young will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,



Melinda B. Peters
Administrator

cc: Mr. Cedric Ward, Director, Office of Traffic and Safety, SHA
Mr. Gregory Welker, Deputy Administrator for Operations, SHA
Mr. Brian W. Young, District Engineer, SHA