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The Honorable William F. Murphy  
Mayor  
Village of Woodridge  
Five Plaza Drive  
Woodridge, Illinois 60517-5014

**RE: Interstate 355 South Extension Noise Abatement**

Dear Mayor Murphy:

I have reviewed your March 1, 2007 letter and continue to work with our contractor, Lorig Construction Company, and I-355 Construction Management Team to advance the noise abatement project in the northeast quadrant of Interstate 355 and Interstate 55. After reviewing all of the project history, past coordination with the Village and cost estimates I am offering a plan for the Village to formally adopt.

As you are aware, the Tollway has contributed a significant amount of time, effort and funding to complete the noise analysis, prepare contract plans and meet with Village staff and residents. Your March 1<sup>st</sup> letter neglected to note that the Tollway requested the Village to seek competitive bids for this project to determine if a more cost-effective solution can be attained. There are several municipalities that have taken a lead role with similar projects and have been successful. We continue to recommend that the Village explore this option to evaluate the competitive market conditions.

We've asked our Construction Management Team to evaluate the \$2.5 million initial bid from Lorig Construction and seek prices for alternate materials. The final cost is \$2,311,541.50 for either a concrete or wood wall. This is their final estimate and requires a response to accept this bid from the Tollway.

In an effort to advance the noise abatement project we agree to fund up to \$910,000 for this project (not to exceed 50% of the final project cost). This figure is based on a recent Tollway agreement with another municipality adjacent to our system. The \$910,000 is based on spending \$26,000 per residence for the approximate 35 residences that will receive a benefit from the wall. We are willing to front the entire project cost, however the Village is required to submit full reimbursement for the remaining project costs within one-year of completion – approximately December 2008. This allows the Village time to secure funds or allocate budget for this project as requested. We will also require that the Village adopt a noise ordinance for all future developments requiring that the developer provide the necessary noise abatement or adopt an ordinance to ensure that

noise compatible developments are located adjacent to the Tollway or IDOT roads. This will ensure that our limited Tollway and State resources are allocated to transportation enhancements.

As you know, the Tollway and our contractors are focused on completing the construction of Interstate 355 by the end of 2007. This regionally significant project will continue to enhance the economy of the Village of Woodridge, as well as improve access for the region. The Village of Woodridge has been aware of this project and the Tollway's stance on noise abatement in this area for over seven years; therefore a formal Letter of Understanding must be submitted to the Tollway by April 30, 2007. If we do not receive an executed Letter of Understanding by this date, the Village will be required to take a lead role in this effort. I believe that given our significant efforts to date this is a reasonable and equitable offer.

Sincerely,

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