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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Attention: Mr. Jack Delius
General Manager of Parks

Dear Mayor Allen:

Over the period of the past year, we have had numerous meetings with representatives of the City of Atlanta in an attempt to utilize several areas adjacent to the above numbered project as joint development areas. The intent was for the City of Atlanta to acquire the remainder of designated parcels of property and develop mini-parks or utilize the property as additions to now existing parks. The purpose of the plan was to better tie the freeway into the existing neighborhoods.

The original idea ran into financial problems and could not be advanced, however, we feel the idea is sound and should be undertaken. After investigating the situation, we now find it possible for the State and Federal governments to acquire these parcels as whole takes and actually provide the landscaping of the designated areas as part of the project. The only obligation of the City of Atlanta would be the maintenance of these areas. To formalize the responsibilities in implementing this plan, a formal agreement from the City of Atlanta to undertake the maintenance of these areas will be required.

Attached is one (1) set of prints outlining three (3) areas where joint development is proposed and they are as follows:

1. Extension of Orme Park east of the proposed freeway between Virginia Avenue and Crestridge Drive.
2. Area east of freeway right-of-way and Greenland Drive bounded by Courtney Drive on south and Hillpine Drive on the north.
3. Area west of freeway right-of-way between intersection of Courtney Drive and San Antonio Drive.

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At present, no landscaping plans have been developed on these areas. This will be done along with the construction plans for the project and will be coordinated with your office.

There may be other areas available for joint development, however, the location and limits of these areas will have to await final grading plans. If other areas are available that satisfy the overall plan, we will coordinate the development of these areas with your department.

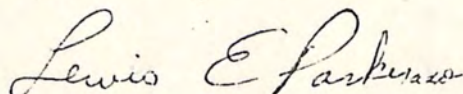
If the City of Atlanta is interested in participating in this joint development plan, please furnish this office with a statement of intent to maintain these areas at your earliest convenience.

Revised right-of-way plans, which include the provision for these joint development areas have been submitted to the Bureau of Public Roads for approval.

Your prompt reply to this request will be appreciated and will help maintain the overall schedule for completion of the project as presented at the June 10, 1969 Public Hearing.

Yours very truly,

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA



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