Draffic Emg August 15, 1967 Mr. Edmund W. Hughes Managing Director Atlanta Traffic and Safety Council Suite 1130, Commerce Building

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., has forwarded to us a photo copy of your letter of August 7, 1967, regarding the possible utilization of the new federal funds available through the National Highway Safety Bureau by the City of Atlanta. We note in Mayor Allen's reply to you his request that we "communicate with you and prepare the necessary request for funds". We, in turn, have the following report.

We met with Mr. Ben A. Jordan, Coordinator of Highway Safety for the State of Georgia on August 4, 1967. Among those present at the meeting were Mr. Ray A. Nixon, Judge Herschel E. Cole, Mr. Charles L. Davis, Mr. J. Lewis Cook, and some of their associates. All funds allocated under the National Highway Safety Act will be handled through Mr. Ben A. Jordan's office. Mr. Jordan and his associates explained the procedures that are to be followed, and we are in a process of complying with those procedures.

The first request from Mr. Ben Jordan's office is that we prepare (within the next few days) a complete estimate of all expenditures anticipated for the next ten years in the field of traffic safety. These estimates are then to be reduced by us to fill out a fourteen or fifteen page questionnaire which will be submitted to Mr. Jordan's office for his review and inclusion in similar estimates for the entire State of Georgia.

As soon as Mr. Jordan's office has this project cleared, he expects to have available application blanks for various other projects under the National Highway Safety Act. As things stand today, there are no funds available in the field of traffic engineering other than for pure research projects. This fact was discussed at some length, and although we regret that it is true everyone present at the meeting with Mr. Jordan agreed that for the moment that is the situation. Several possible ways to enter this project field through "the back door" were discussed and are currently being investigated by us. We would appreciate your filling us in on what your letter indicates is probably some additional information that has not yet come to us.

One of the requirements in this procedure is for each city to establish a coordinator through whom all requests for federal grants will clear. As you know, the City of Atlanta has such a coordinator, and we are ready to proceed in-so-far as that part of the setup is concerned. Details on this coordinating procedure

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can be obtained from Mr. Charles L. Davis, City Comptroller.

Thank you very much for your continued interest in this subject. We will look forward to receiving the additional information which your telephone conversation and your letter indicate you will soon have.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. V Mr. Charles L. Davis