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Mr. Rodney Cook
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Dear Rodney:

This letter is in response to one sent by Senator Dan McIntyre to Mayor Allen about the traffic problem in Buckhead. His major concern is the proposed implementation of the Buckhead loop by Fulton County. As you may remember the Buckhead loop was conceived by this department and totally rejected by Buckhead. However, in passing the '63 Bond Issue, the people in Buckhead convinced the County to include some projects that, in effect, do begin creation of portions of the loop at a lower level of service, i.e., collectors rather than limited access freeways.

As the present time Bill McGeorge of Fulton County Public Works is actively pushing for completion of the loop up to a point (See 1 on Figure 1). He has been working with us on it and has asked for our support which we are now prepared to give with some reservations and conditions. One reservation is that the proposed north terminus at Wieuca Road will probably create more problems that it will solve. The loop should be brought back into Peachtree Road or at least to Peachtree Dunwoody (See 2 on Figure 2). The second reservation concerns proposed widths which vary from two to three to four lanes. The road should be a collector with a uniform four lanes from beginning to end. The bridging of F-056 north (North Fulton Expressway) should reflect this width.

Last, but not least, our support is conditional on a full understanding of our complete position. This loop may help Buckhead's interval circulation problem but that is about all. It is not a solution to the Peachtree Road corridor traffic problem which begins in DeKalb County and ends south of Brookwood Station. (See attached paper on Buckhead traffic problem and Figure 2, especially No. 2). I say this to

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attempt to establish priorities. The overall benefit to the total community is limited. Since capital improvement funds are in very short supply, they should be spent on priorities which are more urgent in nature and will result in greater overall benefit.

I am sure that you are aware the City is actively participating in and receiving data from the Atlanta Area Transportation Study. Up to now, this has been conducted mostly by technicians with little involvement by policy makers. Recently, a policy committee was formed of which the Mayor is a member. I sent you a short paper on this for your consideration.

The nature of the Buckhead problem, in fact many of the traffic problems throughout the City, such as Campbellton Road, and the patchwork manner in which they are being handled leads me to say that some more logical, comprehensive approach must be adopted by policy makers for considering our transportation problems.

Sincerely,

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