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February 21, 2025

Mr. Troy Pittman 204 North Highway 301 Jesup, GA 31546

Via email: trpittman@dot.ga.gov

Dear Mr. Pittman,

This letter is in response to the meeting held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at the GODT offices in Atlanta regarding Change Order #20 for Effingham Parkway, P.I. No. 0006700.

Change Order #20 includes the addition of three roundabouts along Effingham Parkway at the following intersections:

- Goshen Road \$7.3M
- Gateway Road \$3.9M
- Blue Jay Road \$7.7M

Effingham County understands that GDOT will be funding the Goshen Road roundabout, while Effingham County will be responsible for the roundabout at Blue Jay Road and BROE Real Estate Group will be responsible for the roundabout at Gateway Parkway.

Effingham County will contribute \$4M to the roundabout at Blue Jay Road. Per our discussion in Atlanta, GDOT will contact BROE Real Estate Group regarding BROE's contribution to the Gateway Parkway Roundabout.

As discussed, Effingham County recently completed the Blue Jay Corridor Study conducted by POND. The study recommends expanding Blue Jay Road to a four-lane roadway between Effingham Parkway and McCall Road. We would request that the **Blue Jay Roundabout be revised to open as a multilane roundabout by Atlas.**

With respect to the construction schedule, if the initial opening of Effingham Parkway can include the segment from Gateway Road to Highway 30 by December 2025, it would sufficiently address anticipated commercial and industrial traffic needs of Effingham County. The roundabout at Blue Jay could be delayed as needed for the design adjustments requested.

Effingham Country Board of Commissioners

We appreciate your attention to these matters and look forward to further discussions to ensure a successful outcome for all parties involved.

Sincerely

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County Manager

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