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May 1, 2013

The Honorable James Oscovitch  
Mayor, Byram Township  
10 Mansfield Drive  
Stanhope, NJ 07874

Dear Mayor Oscovitch:

Commissioner James S. Simpson has asked me to respond to your letter regarding the Route 206 project. I appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to you.

I wish to reaffirm that the Department continues to anticipate substantial completion of the project in August. Substantial completion means that the remaining work on the project will not create any traffic impacts, which typically consists of minor punch list items and any remaining landscaping.

The shift of traffic to the northbound side of Route 206 between Acorn Street and Waterloo Road were implemented overnight on Thursday, April 25. This work enabled crews to commence work on Monday morning, April 29 to reconstruct the southbound travel lanes.

Regarding work to build a new culvert over Lubbers Run, it is anticipated that all culvert sections will be delivered this week, with work on the culvert beginning by the end of the week. In addition, the contractor is currently working on Route 206 northbound, north of Lackawanna Drive.

It is the intent of the contractor to extend work hours by the middle of May. A member of your staff has expressed concern about the possibility of traffic congestion in connection with construction activity in various parts of the 1.2-mile project area over the summer months. Please be assured that the Department will work with you to ensure that there is signage to alert motorists of construction activity to help keep workers and all who share the road as safe as possible. We also are working to maintain access to businesses as the project advances.

Regarding your request for information on the scheduled completion of the project as well as damages that could be assessed if deadlines are not met due to utility relocation delays, we have agreed to extend the date of substantial completion to May 15, 2013 and the date for final completion to July 14, 2013.

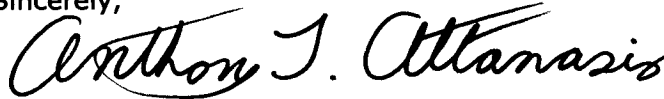
As you know from your experience as Mayor, any missed deadlines will be discussed with the contractor before determining liquidated damages. We cannot speculate on any action we may or may not take. The public is entitled to information in the event the Department seeks liquidated damages from a contractor.

Your business administrator has requested a copy of the contract and any changes made to it. Please be advised that such requests are handled by our Open Public Records Act unit. He may file a request by following instructions on our website.

Finally, with respect to your request for a public meeting on the project in the next few weeks, we agree that effective communication is important. We would be pleased to meet with you and your professional staff here at NJDOT headquarters to address any concerns you may have as the project moves forward.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact John Case, Director of Community and Constituent Relations, at (609)530-2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony J. Attanasio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anthony J. Attanasio  
Assistant Commissioner  
Government and Community Relations

C: Senator Steven V. Oroho