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Paul Comfort, Esquire
Queen Anne's County Administrator
107 N. Liberty Street
Centreville, Maryland 21617

Dear Mr. ~~Comfort~~ *Paul*:

It was a pleasure to visit with you at this year's Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) meeting and to discuss concerns about the MD 213 intersection with Spaniard Neck and Wexford Drive. At that meeting, you expressed concern about a possible traffic signal at the intersection for the Northbrook Subdivision. It is my pleasure to respond.

As part of the local development approval process, the State Highway Administration (SHA) requested that the developer conduct a traffic impact study and a signal warrant analysis. Those efforts were conducted in October, 2001 for the Northbrook Subdivision. The signal warrant analysis was necessary because the Wexford Drive approach roadway will serve as access to approximately 440 single family homes. The results of the study indicated a traffic signal may be warranted near the time when 290 homes will have been completed. To date, approximately 166 homes have been occupied in this development. It therefore would be appropriate to reevaluate the warrant analysis and, if confirmed, start design activities so that a signal can be installed as soon as traffic reaches the warrant threshold. Mr. Wilbert King, Area Engineer in SHA's Engineering Access Permit Division, will write to the developer and ask that the developer retain a traffic consultant to update the traffic signal warrant analysis. If, at this time, a signal is warranted, the developer will be responsible to install it.

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Thank you, again, for your interest in this intersection. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Steven D. Foster, Chief, Engineering Access Permits, SHA at 410-545-5601, toll-free 800-876-4742 or via email at sfoster1@sha.state.md.us. SHA will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neil J. Pedersen".

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Steven D. Foster, Chief, Engineering Access Permits Division, SHA
Mr. Richard K. Lindsay, District Engineer, SHA