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Mr and Mrs. Roger Fajman
17922 Pond Road
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Fajman:

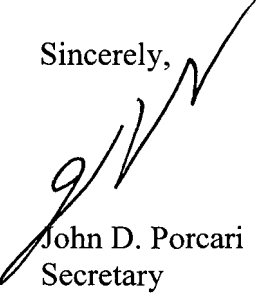
Thank you for your letter regarding the State Highway Administration's (SHA) project to improve the intersection of MD 108 (Ashton Road) and MD 650 (New Hampshire Avenue). It is my pleasure to respond to your concerns.

The SHA appreciates the benefits that improvements at this intersection can provide to the Ashton/Sandy Spring communities of Montgomery County. As you are aware, the improvements to MD 108 at MD 650 are under redesign as a result of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's final approval for Ashton Meeting Place. This effort is expected to conclude in spring 2009.

While the state has recently experienced significant project deferrals as a result of the national economic downturn, funding for safety, bridge, and system-preservation remains intact. The SHA has many projects throughout the state that require funding for construction where there are operational concerns. As a result, SHA must defer the funding for construction for many of these projects, including the MD 108 at MD 650 intersection project, until economic conditions improve. Once funds are available, the project design will be completed so the project can proceed to construction.

Thank you again for your letter. If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Dennis L. German, Chief, Community Design Division, SHA, at 410-545-8900, toll-free 888-228-5003, or via email atdgerman@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,



John D. Porcari
Secretary

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