



October 29, 2009

Mr. Wayne St. John, P.E.  
City of Oak Creek  
8640 S. Howell Avenue  
Oak Creek, WI 53154

Re: United States Postal Service  
2209 East College Avenue  
Oak Creek, WI 53154

Dear Mr. St. John:

This is in response to your letter dated August 13, 2009 requesting a commitment from the United States Postal Service (USPS) by November 1, 2009 to proceed with the design and construction of the northern segment of Pennsylvania Avenue as outlined in our Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA). The USPS acknowledges that this is an important highway project for the Cities of Oak Creek and South Milwaukee, just as it is for the USPS. And, as you know, a combination of economic forces and a drop in mail volume have led us to suspend most new construction projects including this one.

As a result, we cannot provide the commitment you request at this time. It is possible that by next spring, we may have re-sized the project which in turn could result in fewer trucks or other changes to the underlying assumptions used in the traffic impact analysis (TIA).

The USPS always expected to reconstruct Pennsylvania Avenue (north of Hickory to College Avenue) during the construction of the new mail processing facility because the schedule for the reconstruction of the remainder of the highway south of Hickory was uncertain. It is unfortunate that the USPS project has been delayed while at the same time the City's plans for reconstruction of Pennsylvania Avenue have been accelerated. The USPS still expects that any improvements to Pennsylvania Avenue which are necessary for the USPS project can be accomplished in the future. We believe this is a reasonable expectation because, in the planning and approval process, the road improvements described in the USPS NEPA documents received no negative comments from public or private entities.

The USPS intends, at this time, to continue to cooperate with the Cities of Oak Creek and South Milwaukee in their plans for Pennsylvania Avenue, even if the Cities decide to proceed without the USPS improvements (i.e. the roundabout). However, the USPS expects to participate in the design of the new roadway, in particular, in the design and location of curb cuts to the USPS site and in the overall roadway design to the extent it affects the utility of and ingress/egress to the USPS site. We hope that the spirit of intergovernmental cooperation, which resulted in various approvals by the Oak Creek Plan Commission on November 11, 2008, continues into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul Purcell".

Paul Purcell  
Manager, Real Estate Acquisition

Cc:

Richard Bolender, Mayor, City of Oak Creek  
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Doug Seymour, Director of Development, City of Oak Creek  
Tom Zepecki, Mayor, City of South Milwaukee