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FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Region Four

310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410 THOMPSON BUILDING  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601  
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*cc: Lynch*

Mr. J. M. Lynch, P.E.  
State Traffic Engineer  
Division of Highways  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Subject: Benefit - Cost Analysis for HES Projects

Thank you for meeting with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Division Office on Tuesday, December 16, to discuss the safety funding issues raised by the News and Observer article which came out that same day.

In that meeting, FHWA was formally alerted that 15 to 20 projects placed in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) during Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997, and designated to be constructed with Hazard Elimination funds, have not gone through the analysis process your office uses to compare and rank safety projects. At that time, we informally requested that these projects receive a benefit-cost analysis according to the procedure used by NCDOT to prioritize potential safety projects (in conformance to 23 CFR 924.9(4)), and now formally request that this office receive the results of that analysis for those subject projects.

Again, thank you for your cooperation and help in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brad Hibbs in our office at 856-4354.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Max Graf*

For Nicholas L. Graf, P.E.  
Division Administrator