



CITY OF HIGH POINT
NORTH CAROLINA

REBECCA R. SMOTHERS
MAYOR

July 31, 2007

Mr. Allen Duncan, Chairman
Guilford County School District
Smith Moore Law Firm
P.O. Box 21927
Greensboro, North Carolina 27420

Re: Red Light Camera Settlement

Dear Allen:

The amount due the Guilford County School District from the City for the red light camera settlement has been calculated to be \$1,477,457.

There is another outstanding matter that requires consideration by Guilford County Schools. The City has waited for the Court's decision on the red light camera suit in order that GCS might evaluate, at the same time, its reimbursement due the City for costs incurred improving your properties while the City was completing various bond transportation projects. These improvements to your properties were made in consultation and direction from the GCS staff.

The City's added costs for safety improvements benefiting the Southwest Campus and the Oakview Elementary School total \$382,710. Our costs for new sidewalks, guardrails, traffic signal cost, left and right hand turn lanes, and others benefiting the Southwest Campus total \$288,107. The City's added costs benefiting Oakview Elementary School total \$94,603, and include sidewalks along both James Road and Oakview, as well as a right turn lane in front of the school. Related information is attached.

To simplify the exchange of monies, we suggest the School Board consider reducing the \$1,477,457 to \$1,094,747 by the \$382,710 that the City is investing this year in new sidewalks, guardrails, left and right turn lanes, and other safety improvements directly benefiting the Southwest Campus and Oakview Elementary School owned by GCS. As you will recall, these are City bond funds retired by taxpayers, many of whom live outside of Guilford County in Randolph, Davidson or Forsyth Counties.

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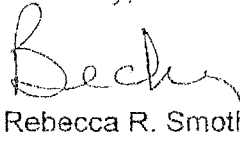
We ask for the School Board's consideration because, as you know, we require private developers to make and pay for similar sidewalk, turn as well as deceleration lanes, connecting roads, and other infrastructure investments as part of permitting their projects. A variety of such improvements have been required and paid by developers for safety, transportation and other improvements for the Shops at Deep River, Premier One Corporate Office Park, Cottesmore, Meadow Valley, Barrington Estates, Van York Toyota, Wal-Mart on South Main, and many others.

The School District also pays for similar safety improvements at the other school sites in High Point, including Union Hill and Parkview Elementary Schools. Since these are improvements that have been directed by your staff, the City has an obligation to recover the costs.

If it will assist the School District in paying for similar costs benefiting the Southwest Campus and Oakview Elementary School, the City offers to deduct the \$382,710 cost from the red light camera settlement.

At your convenience, I will be available to discuss this matter with you.

Sincerely,



Rebecca R. Smothers
Mayor

Cc: City Council Members
Strib Boynton, City Manager
Fred Baggett, City Attorney