

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE - LEON COUNTY  
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December 21, 2009

Mr. Tony Park  
Leon County Public Works Director  
2280 Miccosukee Road  
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Tallahassee, FL 32301

RE: Capital Cascade Trail – Segment 2 Project  
Request to Temporarily Close Portions of Lafayette Street  
Franklin Boulevard and Meridian Street

Dear Mr. Park:

The purpose of this letter is to request Leon County approval to temporarily close portions of Franklin Boulevard, Lafayette Street and Meridian Street in order to construct the Capital Cascade Trail – Segment 2 Project.

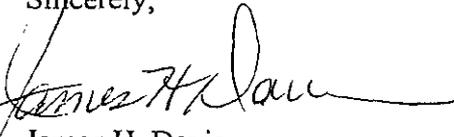
The Capital Cascade Trail - Segment 2 project is a multi-faceted, multi-use stormwater and recreation facility encompassing a total park area of 39.4 acres. The project includes reconstruction, milling and resurfacing, drainage improvements and utility adjustments along Lafayette Street, Meridian Street and Franklin Boulevard. The project also includes intersection improvements at Suwannee Street/Lafayette Street, Gaines Street/Meridian Street and Franklin Boulevard/ Lafayette Street.

The primary purpose of the proposed road closures and off-site detour schemes is to allow construction of the 8' x 10' box culvert along Franklin Boulevard and underneath Lafayette Street to proceed unimpeded. The closing of this intersection and partial road closures will improve constructability and decrease the potential for traffic incidents by minimizing multiple traffic shifts and enhancing driver expectancy. Gaines Street and Bloxham Street, along with the newly constructed Cascade Park Lane will be utilized to facilitate traffic detours necessary to accomplish the construction activities. Those portions of Gaines Street and Bloxham Street that will ultimately be converted into pedestrian walkways for Cascade Park will remain open to vehicular traffic until the last phase of the construction project. **Attachment 1** shows the Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Plans for the phased construction.

In addition, please be aware that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is planning to advertise and award the construction of the Lafayette Street Pedestrian Tunnel in the Summer of 2010. Blueprint 2000 has been in communication with FDOT and will continue to coordinate the Lafayette Street MOT plans for both projects in order to minimize impacts and delays to the public.

If you have any question about this information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 701-2740.

Sincerely,



James H. Davis  
Executive Director

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