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Hi Deepak –

Attached is a revised letter that responds to your concerns. Please let me know if you agree.

In responding to your comment that the letter should include the land area required by the meandering sidewalk as an impact of the project, I was reminded that Section 4(f) pushes us toward selecting the design option with the least use of resources, but it has allowances for development of recreational facilities in coordination with the transportation use. If we were to consider all of the area of impact of the relocated sidewalk into the park, then the least-impact alternative would be to not relocate the sidewalk and either leave the sidewalk where it is and span it, placing several bents in the park, or to leave the sidewalk where it is and bulb-out around the bents as a mitigation to reduce the placement of columns into the park. The impact of building a transportation facility through the park (i.e. calling the sidewalk use of the park for transportation purpose) would be the alternative with the greatest use. By considering the construction of the sidewalk, which was requested by HCDA as mitigation, as mitigation for the single column being built in parkland, we meet the requirement for minimization, and we provide mitigation for the use by the project.

As discussed, I am also concerned that if HCDA board approval is required for the de minimis concurrence to be received, that this be done as soon as possible. I would hate to miss the opportunity to have this issue considered at the September meeting. Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks.

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