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Mr. Edward Morrow, Jr., AICP Principal Planner Metropolitan Planning Commission 110 East State Street Savannah, GA 31401

> Re: Master Plan Amendment 703 Louisville Road Savannah, GA

Dear Edward:

Thank you for all of your assistance with the previously submitted SCAD Master Plan Amendment for the 703 Louisville Road property. We fully supported your report on the proposed amendment and agreed with your recommendation for approval at the July 25th MPC Board meeting.

However, at the July 25th meeting MPC Board Members raised concerns regarding student access to nearby SCAD facilities along with Savannah's Historic District. In addition, there were questions presented on providing adequate space to accommodate SCAD's Bee Line bus system along with public access along the Springfield Canal to the City's Arena.

In an effort to address these questions and concerns, we've updated the Master Plan to include the following revisions:

- Added a Pedestrian Access Exhibit to identify existing sidewalks which provide connectivity to nearby SCAD facilities and the Historic District. This exhibit also includes a conceptual location of the City's Canal Walk providing access to the Arena.
- Removed the on-street parking proposed for Louisville Road and replaced it with an offstreet bus stop area for SCAD's Bee Line bus system.
- Included additional notes to clarify the proposed use of the canal wall maintenance area and to address City of Savannah SPR comments.

Included with this letter is our updated Master Plan Amendment submittal for the September 12th MPC Board meeting. We thank you for your continued attention to this project and hope this will provide answers and clarification to satisfy MPC Board concerns. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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