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Dear Mr. Hiestand:

Just as short note to follow up on the conversation you and Sgt. Joe Lenge of our Traffic Safety Unit had in March. As you will recall, he had raised the following issues:

#1 On Route 18 in area of Route 79 and Wyncrest. Trees that apparently provide a noise barrier to an adjacent development were blown down during Hurricane Sandy. Who do we contact in order to have the trees replaced?

#2 Route 79 southbound. Why was Route 79 reduced from 2 lanes in area of Route 18, to one lane in the area of Steeplechase Road? Can the 2nd lane be designated a right turn only lane as it approaches the intersection at Ryan Road.

With respect to issue #1, you advised that this concern had been forwarded to Central Region Maintenance.

Have you received any feedback regarding this request?

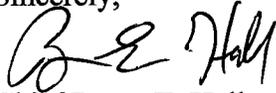
Regarding issue #2, you reported that the only reason Rt 79 is 2 lanes in each direction is due to the 18 interchange. When it was built, the 2nd lane in each direction was added to accommodate the merging and diverging traffic, thereby reducing conflicts. Rt 79 is one lane in each direction approaching the interchange and goes back to that configuration once the 18 off-ramp traffic has had an opportunity to merge with the 79 traffic. As far

as I know, this is just basic interchange and merge design and has nothing to do with the signal.

The explanation was helpful and we now are clear on the genesis of the 2nd lane. That said, is there any way to accommodate the request to improve traffic flow at the intersection of Ryan Road?

As always, we appreciate your help and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B E Hall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Chief Bruce E. Hall

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