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Mr Ferzan M Ahmed
Deputy Director, ODOT
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RE: ODOT Comments Regarding Simon – Tanger Outlet Mall

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

I wanted to express the Village of Sunbury's interest in the ODOT's comments to the Simon-Tanger Traffic Impact Study. The Village of Sunbury, as part of the larger Big Walnut Community, has a vested interest in the growth and development of our Community. As the Mayor of Sunbury, I am working to partner with the county, the townships and local developers to ensure that we continue good, healthy growth in a coordinated fashion.

It is extremely important, to the residents of our community, that we maintain easy access to the freeway. We must ensure any new development is timed with the appropriate new interchange exit. The proposed outlet mall is a very small portion of what will develop between Sunbury and the interchange. This however could be the cornerstone to the development. We must ensure the cornerstone has solid planning that will support the future coordinated growth.

While Sunbury has not been involved in any of the thoroughfare planning meetings to this point, we do like what we see so far in the comments from your department.

1. Full development of any and all traffic improvements timed with development schedule.

2. Ensuring room for the southern interchange.
3. The use of Wilson Road. The Village of Sunbury does not want any additional roads or Traffic lights to be added. We are very concerned about the residents and community members being able to get on I71 from SR 37 without delay. This is also the main corridor for our industrial parkway, a vital part of Sunbury's continued growth.
4. An additional east / west connector. Sunbury has been approached from Northgate, to also work with this route. It is important to look at all of the possible development, in totality, to ensure the proper planning.

Sunbury is excited about our future, the future of our community and Delaware County. We want to ensure that we embrace growth, but in a coordinated and controlled fashion. We understand that it is important to look at the big picture and understand how these decisions will impact all of our futures for many years. We know the pressure to act quickly can at times be overwhelming, but Sunbury fully supports taking the time and holding all parties accountable for their impact. We know there are numerous property owners and developers between Sunbury and the interchange, and now is the time to make sure that we work together to coordinate our future growth.

We have been engaged with Berkshire Township, since October of 2013, in hopes of building a plan that will enable us to work together and ensure we have a coordinated plan for the future. We know this will take time. We are also looking to continue or master planning work with the county and hopeful we can weave a thoroughfare plan with the larger community that supports all of this future growth.

As Mayor, I have valued the relationship that we have built with you and your team since your leadership at District 6. We look forward to that continued partnership. Please feel free to reach out to me at any point in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy Hatfield". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tommy Hatfield
Sunbury – Mayor

cc: Berkshire Township Trustees
Delaware County Commissioners
Sunbury Village Council
Big Walnut School District