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Ms. Grace Crunican,
Director, Seattle Transportation,
Municipal Bldg
600 4th Ave, Room 400
Seattle, WA 98104

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Dear Ms. Crunican,

It is with great embarrassment that I realize that I never wrote to you to thank you for so kindly attending our Neighborhood Association meeting. I'm hoping that you've been too busy settling in to your new job to have noticed my lack of letter!

So: Many thanks for taking the time to meet with us and to listen to our concerns. I gather that your assistant sat down with our neighbor (and your employee) Liz Ellis, to make sure that you had captured all the topics that we had discussed. I also heard from Linda Robson (assistant to Councilmember Compton, who visited us last month) that your staff is already busy with some of our concerns.

I'd like to update you on transportation-related concerns in our area:

a) another developer (Meriland Dillard) approached me, and talked at our neighborhood meeting. He wants to develop another parcel along Madison, and feels he needs to build 200 housing units (rather than the 150 allowed by code). He's offering increased parking spaces by way of compensation. It will, however, add yet more traffic problems to the Madison corridor. He also visited the Central Area District Council, which was also very concerned about traffic impacts. He accepted the District Council's suggestion to try and include all the area developments in his traffic study.

b) a neighbor on 23rd is most concerned about a marked crosswalk which crosses 23rd Ave E. at E, Thomas. Two pedestrians have been hit by cars in the crosswalk in the last two years: one was in a coma and will (I gather) never fully recover. The other was a student on her way to Meany School. I have contacted the Principal of the School, and Tony Mazzella in your department. The neighbor is displaying a large sign at the junction to alert people to his concern.

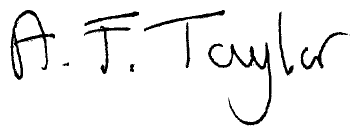
c) another neighbor contacted me, concerned about the safety of a traffic light where E. John Street crosses E. Madison. Again I put him in contact with Tony Mazzella.

All three of these new issues would benefit from a neighborhood-wide approach. You will recall that the major conclusion from our meeting was that there is a need for a neighborhood-wide traffic study, and you offered to put one of your traffic planners to work on it. I would therefore be most grateful if you could **update me on your progress in assigning a planner to our neighborhood**. As we mentioned, development is proceeding apace along Madison, and we need to get started.

The Mayor will be attending our next Neighborhood Association meeting: Thursday June 6th (he'll be there 7 - 8 PM). Traffic is bound to come up, so perhaps you could send a representative, or E-mail me an update before that meeting, so that I can tell him (and anyone who missed your appearance at our meeting) how we have been addressing the issues.

Once again, many thanks indeed from all of us. We greatly appreciated your taking the time to meet with us and to hear our concerns. We look forward to a continued profitable relationship with you and your department.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Taylor
Chair, Miller Park Neighborhood Association

Sign on E. Thomas, next to
problem crosswalk --->

