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Mr. Jeffrey Cormier Town Planner Town of East Hartford 740 Main Street East Hartford, CT 061080

Re: Wickham Memorial Library Expansion East Hartford, CT

Dear Mr. Cormier:

We have reviewed the potential traffic impacts associated with the proposed expansion of the Wickham Memorial Library located at 656 Burnside Avenue on the East Hartford Public Safety complex grounds. The existing library consist of 1,916 square feet of building space in two levels with the proposed addition being 555 square feet. The expansion also calls for a dedicated 15 space parking lot adjacent to the library. The building expansion is for the inclusion of a new elevator as well as to provid a handicap accessible bathroom on each floor.

Presently, patrons of the library park in the Public Safety Complex visitor parking lot. The proposed 15 space dedicated library parking lot will be separate from, but accessed from, the visitor's lot. The creation of the access drive to this new parking lot will require the elimination of 5 parking spaces from the visitor's lot. Since all drivers to the library will still arrive at the library via the visitor's entrance to the Public Safety Complex along School Street, there will be no change in traffic along any of the streets or intersections surrounding the site.

It is the opinion of Alfred Benesch and Company that the construction of the proposed 555 square foot addition to the Wickham Memorial Driveway and addition of 10 parking spaces to the Public Safety / Library complex will not impede or adversely affect traffic operations on the internal or adjacent roadway network.

If you have any guestions or need additional information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Alfred Benesch & Compan

Stephen R. Ulman, P.E., PTO

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