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**Municipal Airport
Public Services Area**

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Ms. Sheryl Soderholm Siddall, PE
Assistant Director of Engineering
Washtenaw County Road Commission
555 N. Zeeb Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Re: State Road Environmental Assessment – Early Coordination

Dear Ms. Soderholm Siddall,

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments for the early coordination of the Environmental Assessment (EA) being prepared by the Washtenaw County Road Commission for State Road. The Airport is a proponent for improving traffic flow and safety on State Road and has been following the concept since the State Road Corridor Study was released in July, 2006. The airport, through our Airport Layout Plan process, has been working to address and minimize impacts between our two modes of transportation ever since.

There are a number of potential issues that will likely arise during your EA preparation. I have broken them down into the following four areas:

- 1) Integration of flight safety and compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards.
 - a) State Road is immediately east of our primary runway and any widening or increase of elevation of State Road would negatively impact the approach to Runway 6/24.
 - b) The FAA has navigational aids on either side of State Road that may be impacted with any widening or shifting of State Road.

- c) the airport owns property on both sides of State Road, any easement or right of way requests will be subject to an approval process through the Michigan Department of Transportation and the FAA.
- 2) The airport has a number of improvements and structures that are in reasonably close proximity to State Road in its current configuration. Any widening or shifting of State Road should maintain access and parking for these structures. Many of these structures are older construction, including the original terminal building which I understand dates back to the 1920's. Some of these hangars along State Street are also privately owned.
 - 3) Soils in this area are mucky and maintain water which may indicate wetlands in this area.
 - 4) The City of Ann Arbor has a number of drinking water wells on the airport property which is also within a wellhead protection area.

These are items that come to mind for work along State Road adjacent to the airport. I look forward to working with you throughout the development of the EA and your project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 734.994.9124. or via email at mjkulhanek@a2gov.org.

Sincerely,



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