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**Thomas Bonfield**  
**City Manager**  
**City of Durham**  
**101 City Hall Plaza**  
**Durham, NC 27701**

Dear Mr. Bonfield:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the proposed improvements to Alston Avenue. The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge the receipt of your request to construct the project to accommodate the proposed four lane typical section along Alston Avenue but to initially stripe the project for two-lanes with bicycle lanes and on-street parking until traffic warrants the conversion to the four lane section. We are considering your request, but need more time to update the traffic forecast including the effect to the East End Connector. We regret that we cannot give you a definite answer as agreed by March 18<sup>th</sup> to help you make a decision at the March 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting, but the requested modifications to the striping will take time to review.

Feel free to give me a call at (919) 733-7844 ext.254 or email me at [brobinson@ncdot.gov](mailto:brobinson@ncdot.gov) with questions or concerns.

Sincerely  


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