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RE: KENNETT PIKE INTERCHANGE

TO: Residents of the Greenville Area

As you may know, this firm has been retained by a number of concerned citizens in connection with the proposed design of the interchange at the intersection of the Kennett Pike and Barley Mill Road. After ten years of consideration, the State Highway Commission, for reasons that have never been made clear, accepted a design that even the staff of the Highway Department itself concedes is second best. Traffic engineer experts and land planning consultants from outside Delaware have said plainly that the present design is totally inadequate and is bound to create traffic and safety problems for those in the area and for those who will have to travel through the area. For example, Herbert Smith, a land planner, said in connection with a recent report on the area:

"In passing, comment should also be made about the proposed realignment of Route 141 and the Kennett Pike Interchange. As presently designed, this is only a partial interchange and the traffic flow will be directed over long sweeping slip ramps or limited circle ramps off of and on to both Montchanin Road and Kennett Pike. It is difficult to understand why, at this very important intersection, there has not

been designed a full interchange directly at the crossing of Route 141 and Kennett Pike. Instead, a complicated turning system has resulted in a very undesirable circulation flow. This entire plan is very poorly designed and will be an unfortunate occurrence should it come to pass"

Mr. John Cade, a traffic engineer, has pointed out that the present design, if actually built, would not service traffic adequately and would have many extremely dangerous features.

Senator duPont held a hearing on October 23, 1968 and 200-250 of the residents attended: they were unanimous in requesting that Senator duPont and other elected representatives urge the State Highway Commission to reconsider the design before the present inadequate design becomes reality.

It is important in this connection that the residents of the area aid Senator duPont by making their views known to the Members of the Commission. This letter then is a request that you take the time and effort to get in touch with the Members of the Commission either by phone or by letter and urge that they consider the design in view of its importance. While the Members of the Commission are appointed and not elected and, therefore, are not directly responsible to the members of the community, still it seems reasonable that if the interested community makes its almost unanimous thoughts known, the Commission should and probably would reconsider the design and try to come up with the best, rather than second best, design of this vital interchange.

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We have attached a list of the names of the Members of the Highway Commission. We suggest that communications be addressed to the Chairman, but all of the Commission members have equal responsibility and an equal say in the ultimate decision as to whether to reconsider the design of this important and expensive intersection.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Prickett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William Prickett

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Attachment

- (1) Mr. Henry T. Price, Chairman
Delaware State Highway Commission
Dover, Delaware
- (2) Thurman G. Adams
- (3) William J. Francis
- (4) Lemuel H. Hickman
- (5) Elmer Pratt
- (6) William G. Dorsey
- (7) C. Wardon Gass
- (8) Frank H. Mackie, Jr.
- (9) William R. Murray
- (10) George M. Nelson
- (11) Walter L. Wheatley