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Secretary Paul A. Mattox, Jr.
Cabinet Secretary
Department of Transportation
Building 5
1900 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV 25305

CP:

Please prepare draft reply for CC's signature and e-mail to Kristi Goodman.

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Friday, October 22, 2010

RESPONSE DUE BY: 11/22/10

Dear Secretary Mattox,

It is our understanding that the idea of a bicycle lane down the Mon Boulevard is in discussion and perhaps mixed signals are coming from WVU. While the objective of increasing cycling options in our community is a goal we support, we have concerns about one unintended consequence of the proposed lane. We also think this can be easily addressed. Should a bicycle lane be approved by the Department of Highways, there are a number of days where the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics would like to request ability to continue using the road shoulders for parking. These are primarily WVU basketball games, where several parking spaces on the wide shoulders have become important to thousands of community members attending the game. Many of these games would be in the winter and at night, so they are less than ideal for cycling. This means that the lane is for cyclists about 350 days of the year, and available for parking about 15 or so days.

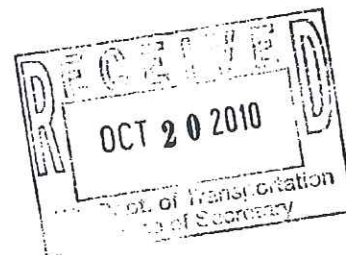
To assure safety during these times, the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics can place barricades and signage at each end of the lane on the Boulevard closing the path to riding cyclists. The home schedule is also widely available and thus would be easily known to the cyclists in town. Should another University event such as commencement wish to take advantage of the parking, the same security measures would be utilized. These situations are truly the exception.

We respectfully ask consideration by the Department of Highways for the opportunity to achieve the goal of a year-round bicycle path without taking away the several hundred spaces for the home games we host in the community.

Sincerely,

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