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Mr. David Sawicki, Director
Office of the State Traffic Administration
Connecticut Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131

Dear Mr. Sawicki:

In advance of the OSTA meeting scheduled for Jan 30, 2019 at CDOT headquarters concerning the Darien Corbin Drive/Baywater redevelopment project, I, on behalf of the Darien Legal Traffic Authority, would like to go on record regarding the potential for a new crosswalk across US 1 at the main driveway entrance to the Corbin Drive/Baywater redevelopment parcel.

We are aware of the reluctance of the State Department of Transportation to consider or install "mid-block" crosswalks on state controlled highways and certainly understand the rationale behind this general prohibition. That being said, the question that the LTA currently has is whether, based on the scope of the project and the reconfiguration/expansion of the main "commercial" driveway accessing this parcel, a crosswalk here no longer be considered "mid-block" based on the design of the project. The LTA is aware that the Darien Planning and Zoning Commission requested that the developer show this proposed crosswalk (along with RRFB-Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons and appropriate crosswalk signage) in the project submission documents.

The Darien LTA has been asked repeatedly about the potential of adding an additional crosswalk in this downtown area and are supportive of any and all efforts to increase pedestrian safety in our downtown.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for follow-up discussion and consideration of permitting/installing an additional crosswalk across US 1 in the area of Corbin Drive as submitted by the Baywater project applicant.

Sincerely,

Capt. Donald B. Anderson

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