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Mr. Paul J. Wiedefeld
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Dear Mr. Wiedefeld:

I understand that your staff has recently provided the University with a draft of a proposed traffic study that will help to determine the impacts of various alternatives for the current Bi-County Transitway (BCT) alignment. University staff who are responding to this draft have met personally with me and other University officials to brief us on the on going progress of this effort.

I wanted to follow up with you to provide some specific feedback. On April 7, 2004 and June 28, 2005, John Porcari, former Vice President for Administrative Affairs wrote to you voicing general University concerns for "at grade" versus underground options for the BCT on our campus. While I understand that you are required to study the impact of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Light Rail Transit (LRT), we stress that the University does not see "at grade" LRT as an option in the center of our campus.

Please contact me if you have questions. As always our staff are ready to assist you in any way to facilitate the timely completion of this study.

Sincerely,

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