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September 28, 2011

Henry Posner, Chairman Railroad Development Corporation 31 Mansfield Avenue, Suite 500 Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Re:

Princeton Borough/Light Rail Proposal

Dear Mr. Posner:

We have been asked by the Princeton Borough Council to express the Borough's appreciation for your time and effort with respect to discussions regarding a possible Princeton Community Rail Authority for maintenance of the DINKY Station at its current location and operation of the DINKY line.

Your proposal was given careful consideration by the Borough Council and by various advisors to the Borough of Princeton. It was deemed considerate and fair; however, it is our sense that the cooperation of New Jersey Transit would be critical to implementation of your proposal.

Given conversations between representatives of Princeton Borough and New Jersey Transit, the Borough understands that New Jersey Transit will not cooperate in any proposal by the Borough that Princeton University perceives to be inconsistent with its proposed arts center complex. Furthermore, the subsidy that New Jersey Transit applies to support the DINKY service would be terminated, and thus, the DINKY service might also be at risk. Thus, the Borough has made a judgment to pursue a different course of action.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you and benefit from your expertise in the future with respect to other transportation projects that might benefit the Borough. Indeed, we anticipate the imminent execution of a Memorandum of Understanding among Princeton University, Princeton Borough and Princeton Township, which may well present an opportunity for such collaboration.

That Memorandum creates a task force, funded with a \$500,000 grant by the University, guided by two representatives of the Borough, two representatives of the Township and two representatives of the University. The task force is charged to

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"study, evaluate and make recommendations concerning long-term transit needs of the Princeton community that may be effected by the development of the arts and transit project, including an assessment of the potential benefits, including economic benefits, of implementing transportation service from the northeast corridor railroad line to Nassau Street." The study shall include other transit concepts including a light rail system. Issues to be considered in connection with the light rail transit system include: "vehicle type, routes and alternates, loop versus single line, schedule, electrical distribution network, solar polar, peak/low capacity, stations (number and location), parking (primary and alternative commuter locations), financing, public-private possibilities, costs, NJ Transit, development opportunities, potential ridership, operating authority, schedule, NE corridor connections, ticketing, pedestrian conflict issues, vehicular conflict issues, implementation strategies, staging strategies, participation by West Windsor Township, and other related issues as they arise."

We are confident that your talent and ability could prove very helpful to the task force in investigating these areas and we hope that this will provide a basis for a future relationship between us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Hon. Mildred T. Trotman, Mayor

Hon. Kevin Wilkes, Council President

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Robert W. Bruschi, Business Administrator