

# FRANKLIN & MARSHALL

June 18, 2008

Mr. Robert Krimmel  
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Dear Bob:

I am writing in response to your June 9, 2008 correspondence requesting that the Project Partners of the Norfolk Southern Dillerville Yard Consolidation Project consider alternative sites for the yard developed by TRRAAC. The Partners appreciate your interest in our initiative and your desire to ensure the optimum location for this project is selected.

You and the Supervisors may not have been aware at the time of TRRAAC's presentation to your Board that a review of the alternative sites had already started. In fact, TRRAAC leadership has known since mid May that I had requested our project engineer, Gannett Fleming, to review their alternate sites.

On May 15th I met with resident Bob Desmarais, Jr. who is not a member of TRRAAC but was asked to deliver a request on behalf of TRRAAC to the Project Partners to consider their concepts. I explained to Mr. Desmarais that TRRAAC's plan previously came to my attention through third parties and that the neighborhood group had not contacted me about this plan or requested our review. I informed Mr. Desmarais that a review of the proposal was underway which I was planning on making public, hopefully prior to our June 19th public meeting. I asked Mr. Desmarais to communicate this to TRRAAC which he did shortly after our meeting. Interestingly, at a June 2nd neighborhood meeting, Dan Gillis, a TRRAAC member, shared with the assembled group that he and I had spoken that previous week during which I told him about the Gannett Fleming review. Mr. Gillis invited me to meet with TRRAAC to review the engineer's findings which I agreed to do upon receipt of the report. This meeting occurred Monday, June 16, 2008 when I met with Rich Cross, Gannett Fleming engineer, Sarah Young Fisher, Dan Gillis, Bob Hannum, TRRAAC leaders and Bob Desmarais, President, School Lane Hills Homeowners Association and Lancaster Township Planning Commission member.

We discussed alternate sites, 1 and 2, and how we had actually considered these sites during the last three years of conceptual design work. The sites were rejected because of major flaws that didn't allow us to accomplish Norfolk Southern's yard capacity and operational efficiency goals nor incorporate best practices in railyard design and safety protocols. In addition, we reviewed locations using land that to the best of our knowledge is not available. I believe that the TRRAAC members and Bob Desmariais left the meeting acknowledging the difficulties with alternatives 1 & 2 and why they had been rejected. I am enclosing the review letter from Gannett Fleming for your reference.

The College and Lancaster General have been committed to engaging the neighbors from the outset of this project. Our June 19th public meeting is designed to present all of the current information and address any remaining questions or concerns with the initiative. As you know we have answered all questions posed to us and responded to every request by the neighbors whether that was for additional environmental tests or for more information. I have been pleased to see that several TRRAAC leaders are now willing to engage in discussion and I welcome their interest and desire. As you and the Supervisors know open communication and dialogue are necessary for civil discourse.

At the conclusion of our Monday meeting, I offered to answer any future TRRAAC questions and meet with the leaders again if they thought it would be helpful. If you or the Supervisors have any questions now or in the future about this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With warm regards,



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