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December 10, 2012

Mr. Alvin Randall, Public Works Director  
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RE: CWM Job No. 1842 – Passing Lanes on US 41/ SR 18  
GDOT Project No. STP00-0005-02(015)  
Lamar and Monroe Counties  
P. I. No. 32B70  
Escalation Step 1 – City of Forsyth

Dear Mr. Randall:

The above referenced project was let to contract by the State of Georgia – Department of Transportation (GDOT) on May 20, 2011 and was awarded to C. W. Matthews Contracting Company, Inc. (CWM) as lowest reliable bidder on June 3, 2011. Construction was authorized on July 7, 2011 toward a contract completion date of December 31, 2012. The Preconstruction Conference for the subject project was held on June 27, 2011.

Please accept this letter as notification that effective December 10, 2012; The City of Forsyth is 20% or greater behind in relocating water facilities located throughout limits of the subject project. The same have constrained required construction activities including but not limited to curb and gutter installation as well as asphalt paving placement.

On November 5, 2012, CWM crews were preparing to commence sub-grade excavation along SR 18 US 41. During potholing operations conducted prior to excavation, CWM personnel discovered a pre-existing 12 inch water main located within the sub-grade template from Station 261+00 RT to Station 263+50 RT. The same was found to be owned by the City of Forsyth. Immediately upon discovery of the aforementioned water facility conflict, CWM personnel began coordination with the City of Forsyth and GDOT in attempt to expeditiously mitigate this conflict. As of today's date, water facility relocation is ongoing with no definitive date for completion.

It should be noted that Mr. Harold Newberry, City of Forsyth – Engineer, submitted a Utility Adjustment Schedule to GDOT dated April 1, 2008. The same denoted that there was no water facility relocation required to accommodate construction on the subject project. Subsequent to the project award, CWM personnel discovered conflicts involving an adjacent section of 12 inch D.I.P. water main owned by the City of Forsyth. In order to mitigate the conflict, CWM offered to modify required catch basins which allowed for the aforementioned water main to be retained. This was done with a significant cost savings for the City of Forsyth. Since no water facility relocation / relocation time was denoted in the aforementioned UAS, the City of Forsyth is 20% or greater behind schedule.

As outlined in the GDOT Utility Accommodation Policy and Standards Manual Chapter 4.4.C., please accept this letter as formal notification from CWM of the same. I look forward to receiving your proposal on rectifying this delay. This will allow CWM forces to plan and schedule the remainder of our required construction activities accordingly.

Should you have questions regarding the preceding contents, please contact and so inquire of me.

Sincerely,

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Utility Coordinator / WUCS

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