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Mayor Ramon Hache
Village of Ridgewood
131 N. Maple Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450-3287

**RE: *RIDGEWOOD*- E. Ridgewood Avenue / N. Maple Avenue
N. Maple Avenue / Franklin Avenue**

Dear Mayor Hache:

During the past year, this office has been in communication and planning with previous Mayor Knudsen, Village Manger Heather Mailander and Village Engineer Chris Rutishauser regarding the above referenced intersections.

The Village had requested of the County a partnership in replacing many of the aging Village owned traffic signals throughout the municipality After discussions with the Village, both entities agreed that the traffic signals located at the intersections of two County roads would be the best choices for partnering with the Village for reconstruction and thereafter, County ownership and maintenance.

Whereas the site plan for the Enclave at Ridgewood (formerly Sealfons) at the intersection of E. Ridgewood Avenue and N. Maple Avenue, and the site plan for KS Broad, LLC (formerly a car dealership) at the intersection of Franklin Avenue and Broad Street were expected to be before the County Planning Board for review and approval, the intersection improvement and traffic re-signalizations of E. Ridgewood Avenue and N. Maple Avenue, N. Maple Avenue and Franklin Avenue were prioritized. An alignment plan was presented and the Village was in concurrence with and in support of the project. The Village approved resolution 18-44 in February 2018.

The Village thereafter had topographic survey for the Maple Avenue project limits prepared and submitted to the County so the alignment and traffic signal plan could be engineered on. This has been completed.

While the Enclave at Ridgewood site plan has been under review at the County, we have worked with the applicant to ensure that their proposed plans are in compliance with the proposed alignment and widening along the westerly curb line of Maple Avenue. Their plans are complete, and in fact, the applicant will be constructing the components along their site frontage to be in compliance with the proposed County plan. This will be one less quadrant to disturb during the County project.

During discussions regarding the above referenced intersections, two additional existing municipally owned traffic signals at Franklin Avenue/ Oak Street and Franklin Ave/ Broad Street were brought into the conversation by the Village. These two traffic signals are not at the intersection of two County roads, however the County agreed to assist the Village with alignment and traffic signal design. A decision as to whether the construction of either of these two traffic signals will be added into the scope of the overall County project has not yet been determined. As such, these traffic signals on Franklin Avenue have been preliminarily designed, however topographic survey has not been received for this corridor.

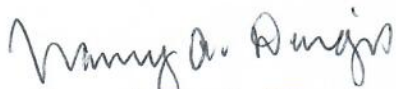
At this point, it would be best to meet and discuss the current status of the project, clearly define what will be included in the project scope, and outline the responsibilities of each entity such that a shared services agreement can be understood, prepared and implemented.

At your convenience, please call Sandra Afonso at 201-336-6805 to arrange a meeting with Joseph Femia, Marc Schrieks and me at the County offices located at One Bergen County Plaza in Hackensack. Please indicate to Sandra the emails of the Village officials to whom she should send Outlook invites.

We look forward to working with the Village to move these improvements forward in the upcoming year and beyond.

Sincerely,

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Chris Rutishauser, Village Engineer
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