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Dear John:

Please consider this letter both a response to your letter of December 1, 2011 and as a response to the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement from the Waterfront Development Corporation [a public agency managing a 4(f)/6(f) resource].

Your letter indicated two major departures from the original final downtown bridge EIS, that will impact Waterfront Park.

First, a reduction in the overall scope of the project will also reduce or eliminate excess property that was to be given to WDC both directly and through the DDC. While we agree that the new design warrants less compensation, there remains major impacts to both the park and to income producing commercial property owned by the WDC.

If the project will be purchasing property for temporary use (e.g. staging areas, lay-down sites), WDC would be interested in looking at those sites to determine, should they become available, if acquisition might be favorable for WDC. Of course, if compensation is handled through surplus property being transferred to WDC, we would require that no use limitations be placed on the parcels. If land is not available as the basis for negotiated mitigation, we can negotiate cash compensation for the takings.

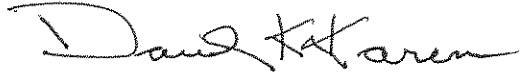
Second, the decision to reduce costs by replacing tub girders with a "traditional" girder system not only provides a roosting space for birds but also requires considerably more time and energy to maintain (rust removal and painting). An unfortunate result will often be an unsightly view of the bridge's belly from one painting to another. Conversely, the tub girders have simple lines, are more attractive, easier to maintain and better match the bridge design above the deck. As project cost reduction was

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calculated, was long-term maintenance considered? We cannot overstate the importance of the tub girder image as opposed that of traditional girders.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David K. Karem". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "K".

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