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November 19, 2021

The Honorable Steve Williams
City of Huntington
Post Office Box 1659
Huntington, West Virginia 25717

Dear Mayor Williams:

Thank you for your letter, dated November 8, 2021, regarding your request for a Traffic Safety Study surrounding the Marshall University campus focusing on 3rd and 5th Avenues.

The Division of Highways (DOH) shares your concern for safety in West Virginia cities and along all our corridors. I have directed our Traffic Engineering Division to perform an initial review of this area and to begin the process of planning a Road Safety Assessment (RSA) for the corridors encompassing the campus. The RSA process incorporates a multidisciplinary approach including a wide variety of stakeholders and focuses on all road users. We will invite participation from the City of Huntington, Marshall University, and the Metropolitan Planning organization, KYOVA. We will likely utilize an independent expert that has assisted us in the Morgantown area and would anticipate beginning once Spring semester is in session.

Again, thank you for writing and sharing your concerns. The DOH will be coordinating with the city in the near future. Should you have any questions in the interim, please contact Cindy Cramer, Director of our Traffic Engineering Division, at (304) 558-3063.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Wriston, P.E.".

Jimmy Wriston, P. E.
Secretary of Transportation/
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cc: Jerome A. Gilbert, President-Marshall University
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Robert Plymale, Senator-West Virginia Legislature
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