



November 7, 2013

Mr. Michael Kaigler
Assistant County Manager
124 Bull Street, Room 430
Savannah, Georgia 31412-8161

RE: Truman Linear Trail, Phase 2 Ownership/Maintenance
CSHPP-0007-00-(631)

Dear Michael:

The City of Savannah would like to see the Phase 2 of the Truman Linear Trail constructed to complete the connection from Daffin Park to Lake Mayer. We believe this trail will offer some exciting recreational opportunities for both residents and visitors. The City has now been maintaining Phase 1 of the Truman Linear Trail for approximately ten years. When the City accepted ownership of this first phase we encountered some problems with tree root damage to the asphalt paving and inadequate drainage. These issues have caused the maintenance of this phase of the trail to be more costly than expected.

Before Phase 2 is constructed the City would like to work with County Staff to determine the best surface for the trail. As an avid bicycle-trail-rider, my experience has been that a gravel surface trail is better than asphalt where there are a lot of trees. I believe there are gravel pave systems out there which may provide a better surface for both user comfort and long-term trail maintenance. We would also like to review the plans to ensure drainage is adequate in preventing excessive stormwater damage to the trail system during our more frequent storm events.

If City and County Staff can work together to alleviate these concerns the City will take ownership and provide the long-term maintenance to Phase 2 of the Truman Linear Trail. I have already been in contact with Leon Davenport regarding these issues. If you have any questions, please call me at (912) 644-7949.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Shonka". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Shonka".

Peter Shonka, P.E.
Assistant City Manager

cc: Stephanie Cutter
Joe Shearouse
John Sawyer