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Mr. Gilbert Viets  
Deputy Commissioner and Chief of Staff  
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Dear Mr. Viets:

Recently you were sent a letter from Lew May, who is the General Manager of the Bloomington Public Transit Corporation (BPTC). In this letter, Lew requested INDOT's cooperation to work with BPTC to incorporate transit enhancements in the widening project for East State Road 45, which would run from the State Road 45/46 Bypass intersection to the intersection of Pete Ellis Drive. The letter was sent to you after a meeting that took place between Lew and Mr. Runfa Shi and Mr. Pankaj Desai concerning this same project.

As Mayor for the City of Bloomington, I would respectfully request INDOT's cooperation in working with the BPTC to consider transit improvements along this important arterial street corridor. I certainly respect and understand INDOT's reluctance to incorporate potential design changes to this state highway at a late stage in the design process. However, I know it is also a priority for INDOT to work with local government units to develop what are known as Context Sensitive Solutions for street improvement projects. As Lew has outlined in his June 22<sup>nd</sup> letter to you, East State Road 45 is one of the most heavily traveled transit routes in the entire Bloomington community. I would hate to lose the opportunity for incorporation of important transit enhancements that could be implemented as part of a cooperative effort between your agency and the BPTC.

Please consider meeting with Lew to open a dialogue on this important local issue. I am quite sure we can develop a reasonable, cost effective proposal to incorporate transit enhancements along this street corridor.

Thank you in advance for your assistance,

Mark Kruzan, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

cc: Lew May, Bloomington Public Transit Corporation

