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February 6, 1999

Harry West, Director
The Honorable Wayne Hill, Chairman
Atlanta Regional Commission
3715 Northside Parkway
200 North Creek, Suite 300
Atlanta, GA 30327

Dear Mr. West and Mr. Hill:

The Home Park Community Improvement Association has been aware and involved in the planning process for the redevelopment of the Atlantic Steel Site for well over a year now. In that time, we have been presented many plans and variations, all of which had an overpass with freeway access as an integral part of the plan. We have been presented traffic studies with the overpass and without the overpass. Consistently, Home Park has offered conditional support of the redevelopment based on one condition: the construction of the overpass.

If the bridge is not constructed, not only will the success of the project be in jeopardy, but our existing residential community will be adversely affected by cut-through traffic on our narrow residential streets. With the overpass constructed and the majority of the traffic coming and going to the site directed right into the heart of the project, our neighborhood will not only be spared unacceptable levels of traffic on our streets, but both the project and our community can thrive.

The existing infrastructure, which is almost gridlocked, could use some relief. The construction of the overpass with freeway access will help move traffic through our community and the project. Without the overpass, we cannot support this project.

Sincerely,

Timothy State
Co-President

cc: Jennifer Burke, Co-President; Mike Brandon, Community Planning Chair; Bernadette Smith, Land Use Chair



Georgia Institute of Technology

Office of the President

January 22, 1998

Mr. Charles R. Brown
Vice Chairman
Technology Park/Atlanta, Inc.
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Duluth, GA 30097

Dear Charlie:

Thank you for your recent letter providing my colleagues and me with an update on the progress surrounding the Atlantic Steel property. We are excited about the prospects that this project brings to our neighborhood.

The new development will offer nearby homes for our faculty and staff, accessible amenities and shopping for our campus community, and sites for location of companies that are likely to join us in research activities. All this will replace what is presently a wasteland, and an eyesore to all visitors who come to our campus from the north. The change will be a transformation we will welcome, and one that will help Georgia Tech as we seek to fulfill our future goals.

I understand you are in the process of seeking permission and funding to build the 17th Street bridge that will link the site with the property to the east. Please know that Georgia Tech is strongly supportive of your request and we stand ready to help you where we can. We hope all those involved in the decisions about the bridge will consider the beneficial impacts of the Atlantic Steel development on Georgia Tech. I wish you the best in your future efforts and congratulate you on the progress made to date.

Sincerely,

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President

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February 4, 1999

Honorable Wayne Hill, Chairman
Mr. Harry West, Director
Atlanta Regional Commission
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Atlanta, Georgia 30327

Re: 17th Street Bridge/Interchange

Gentlemen:

It is our understanding the City of Atlanta will submit a proposal for a bridge over I-75/85 and interchange modifications in the 17th Street corridor connecting midtown on the east with the proposed Atlantic Steel redevelopment on the west. We are familiar with the project and feel that it would be beneficial to our overall operation and the community, particularly in the 10th St./14th St./Northside Drive area, and we hope this is a project which your organization can recommend and approve.

We further understand that the project is being proposed as a traffic control measure which, if implemented, could be beneficial toward improving overall regional air quality. As you know, we at the World Congress Center have been working with several agencies, companies and groups, including Georgia Tech, Coca-Cola, and Turner Broadcasting to improve the connectivity of the west side to both the north and east. In fact, the City of Atlanta is also requesting some action in these areas as well. We would very much appreciate your support and implementation of these projects as soon as possible.

I will be happy to discuss these matters with you in detail if you so desire.

Sincerely,

Dan Graveline
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. Charlie Brown

February 4, 1999

Mr. Michael A. Dobbins
Commissioner, Department of Planning, Development &
Neighborhood Conservation
City of Atlanta
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Subject: Atlantic Steel Property Development

Dear Mike:

The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) has committed to cooperate with Jacoby Development, Inc. to develop a transit interface at the Arts Center Station to accommodate a transit linkage between the Atlantic Steel Development Project and the Arts Center Station.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Simonetta
General Manager/CEO

cc: Rob Goodwin, USEPA
Charles R. Brown, CRB Realty Associates

Michael Koblentz
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February 3, 1999

Mr. Harry West, Director
Hon. Wayne Hill, Chairman
Atlanta Regional Commission
3715 Northside Parkway
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Gentlemen,

Loring Heights is one of the two neighborhoods adjacent to the proposed Atlantic Steel Development. We scrupulously reviewed the proposals because of the potential impact on the neighborhood. After working closely with the developers over a long period and forging a consensus of 7 other nearby neighborhoods, we strongly endorsed the final proposals which included the necessary 17th Bridge and interchange proposals.

We believe that this proposal, now backed by the City of Atlanta, would be of great benefit not only to Atlanta but to the region, as a whole. We respectfully urge you to back this landmark development.

Sincerely,

Michael Koblentz
Loring Heights Rep. to NPUE



January 28, 1999

Charles R. Brown
President
CRB Realty Associates
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Duluth, GA 30096

Re: Redevelopment of former Atlantic Steel Property

Dear Charlie:

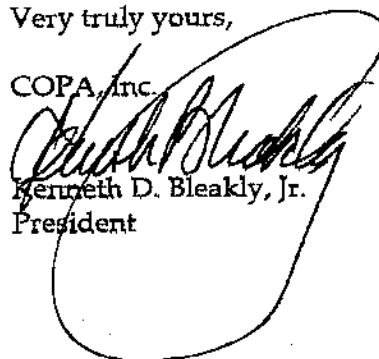
As someone involved in the redevelopment of Downtown Atlanta, I want to offer our support for your efforts to redevelop the former Atlantic Steel property in Midtown. From our efforts at COPA we are witnessing first hand the strong demand for in-town living among a growing segment of the regional population. Your site has the potential to link Georgia Tech, Midtown and downtown with an exciting mixed-use concept.

The goal of combining a place where people can live, work and shop creates an urban character that is missing in much of the city. Its potential benefits for improving air quality by offering an alternative to our historic pattern of sprawl is obvious.

We wish you every success in rebuilding the urban fabric of Atlanta.

Very truly yours,

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February 18, 1999

The Honorable Wayne Hill, Chairman
Mr. Harry West, Director
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Re: 17th Street Bridge / Interchange

Dear Messrs. Hill and West:

Central Atlanta Progress, Inc. (CAP) has a long history of involvement in transportation planning for central Atlanta. The original Central Area Study and the late-1980s Downtown Transportation Management Plan both addressed issues that are still with us today. Among them is better east-west access in Midtown.

We understand that the City of Atlanta is proposing a connection at 17th Street to link Midtown with the proposed Atlantic Steel development. Such a connection would undoubtedly facilitate better access in this poorly served area. The proposal is consistent with the goals of the Downtown Transportation Management Plan and would be beneficial to the community. As a "Transportation Control Measure," the project would even be beneficial to regional air quality and provide a model for multimodal development. ARC should consider its inclusion in its plans.

A final note: CAP is serving as the coordinating organization for what we are calling the Central Atlanta Transportation Study. Recently begun, a wide range of agencies and companies are involved in this public-private initiative. Participants include Atlantic Steel Redevelopment, Georgia Tech, Coca-Cola, Turner, the Georgia World Congress Center Authority, Georgia DOT, the City of Atlanta and ARC. Among the issues we plan to study is the connectivity of the west side of Atlanta's central area. Better means of moving people and goods need to be found so that automobiles are not the only option. Shuttle bus systems and light rail are possible study items. The proposed 17th Street east-west connection could be a critical link in making west side connectivity better via a link to MARTA in Midtown.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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Vice President

Cc: Charles H. Battle, Jr., CAP
Susan Mendheim, Midtown Alliance

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