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October 30, 2025

Ms. Amber Phillips, State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Environmental Services
600 W. Peachtree Street, NW, 16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
Attention: Diana Gu

Re: GDOT Project PI # 0007526
State Route 400 at McGinnis Ferry Road Interchange
Forsyth & Fulton County
BV-058-20-05 Extension

Dear Ms. Phillips

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has received your letter dated October 6, 2025, requesting a buffer variance time extension for the above referenced project. The authorization of BV-058-20-05 is set to expire on January 7, 2026. As per DNR Rule 391-3-7-.05(8), a buffer variance time extension may be granted for a period of up to five years.

This extension to a previously approved buffer variance will not affect the project's original concept, does not change the amount of buffer encroachments and is only an extension of the proposed expiration date. ***Buffer impacts authorized by the original variance must be completed within five years of the date of this letter. A buffer variance time extension may be issued only once.*** Conditions 1–6 specified in the attached January 7, 2021, approval remain in effect.

You remain obligated and responsible for complying with the provisions of any other law or regulations of any federal, local or additional State authority; however, the aforementioned are not obligated to permit this project if they do not concur with its concept of development/control.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jonathan Calabria-Russell, Environmental Compliance Specialist, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit, Nonpoint Source Program, at (470) 512-9182.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Cown
Director

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