



NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
DESIGN + CONSTRUCTION

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City of New York  
Community Board 6  
250 Baltic Street  
Brooklyn, New York, 11201

Attention: Mr. Craig Hammerman

Re: Reconstruction of Columbia Street- HWK700A Project Resumption

Dear Mr. Hammerman:

This is in response to your request for a written date when construction will resume on the above referenced project. Our best estimate to date is mid-February, 2010. Please keep in mind that additional environmental sampling must be done prior to resuming work, and with the assumption that we don't encounter any unforeseen contamination. If we encounter any unforeseen field conditions that may delay the resumption of work, your office will be notified immediately.

As you are aware the project location has a history of building collapses due primarily to poor soil conditions. It is prudent that all the necessary steps are taken to ensure public safety, while we work to expedite the completion of the project. The following is the contractors schedule for procuring the required New York City and New York State permits, soil samples, disposal facilities and sub-contractor:

- NYCDEP Sampling Permit Application to be submitted on 12/22/2009
- Contaminated Material Disposal Facility Application to be submitted on 12/28/2009
- Sub-contractor's Approval for Soil Solutions Inc., submitted on 12/10/2009

Since the initial soil samples were taken 3 years ago, the soil must be re-sampled and based on the contaminants a new disposal facility must be approved. A progress meeting is scheduled for 1/12/2010; we will contact your office with an updated schedule after the meeting.

I would also like to remind the community that the new scope of work includes a new sewer design on Sackett Street and Van Brunt Street. The new design is to correct the ongoing sewer problems on Sackett Street.

Thank you for all your help, understanding and cooperation regarding this project.  
If you have any questions or any additional concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at (718) 250-5011.

Sincerely,

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