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Mr. Jim Schmidt  
**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
Local Roads  
1590 Woodlake Drive  
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-5712

**RE: City of Brentwood  
Brentwood Pedestrian & Transit  
Improvement Project  
Federal Project No. STP-5577(629)  
Letter of Public Interest Finding  
CDG Project No. 10110**

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

On behalf of the City of Brentwood, CDG Engineers hereby requests approval of a finding in the public interest to use 6"x16", solid Versa-Lok standard blocks with Versa-Lok capstones manufactured by Versa-Lok for the Brentwood Pedestrian & Transit Improvement project. This is for synchronization reasons.

This project improves pedestrian connectivity along Hanley Industrial Court. As part of the construction of the sidewalks it is necessary to extend an existing modular block retaining wall. A picture of the existing retaining wall is attached. To reduce cost, the existing retaining wall is going to remain in place. The proposed retaining wall will tie into the existing wall. The proposed wall is going to make a 90 degree turn and tie into the existing wall where it now terminates in the photo. It is essential to the structural integrity of the existing wall system to use the same blocks for the proposed wall because the new modular blocks will be set on top of the existing blocks. This type of Versa-Lok blocks can be purchased from more than five suppliers in the St. Louis area. This will allow the contractor to find a very competitive price.

For the reasons stated in the previous paragraph, the City requests that the above blocks be used.

Approval of this request at your earliest convenience would be appreciated. This project is scheduled for a January 2013 bid opening.

Should you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact me at 314-880-4652 or parks@cdgenengineers.com. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

*CDG Engineers Architects Planners, Inc.*

James Parks, P.E., LEED  
Civil Engineer

**I do hereby certify that in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 635.411(a)(2), no equally suitable alternate exists for this patented or proprietary item.**

  
FOR  
Kathryn P. Harvey, State Design Engineer 10-22-12

cc: Ellen Rottjakob, City of Brentwood

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: