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Re: Project No. 9-5 Accounting for Interest Cost during the Period of Construction

Dear Mr. Bean:

Please accept the following response from the Town of Cary, North Carolina in reference to GASB’s Exposure Draft (ED) Accounting for Interest Cost during the Period of Construction.

Paragraph 1 of the Exposure Draft states that the objectives of this statement are “(a) to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and (b) to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred during the period of construction.”

The Town of Cary has determined that this guidance will indeed enhance relevance of capital assets information and simplify accounting for interest costs incurred during the period of construction. From our perspective, any drawbacks to the guidance will be far outweighed by the benefits. With that said, we give our support to the exposure draft as written.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the exposure draft.

Sincerely,

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