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Home Owners Association of Tellico Village, Inc.  
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300 Irene Lane  
Loudon, Tennessee 37774

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Dear Mr. Stanczuk:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding highway guardrail on State Route 444 in Tellico Village.

I have forwarded your concerns to the TDOT Regional Traffic Office in Knoxville. Their office has advised that guardrail would be the most appropriate traffic barrier as set by the Roadside Topography and Drainage Features (The Green Book), section 3.4.2.3 Shielding, as described below:

- For major drainage structures that are costly to extend and whose end sections cannot be made traversable, shielding with an appropriate traffic barrier is often the most effective safety treatment. Although the traffic barrier is longer and closer to the roadway than the structure opening and is likely to be hit more often than an unshielded culvert located farther from the through traveled way, a properly designed, installed, and maintained barrier system may provide an increased level of safety for the errant motorist.

In addition, I will forward your request to the District Construction Office to inspect the guardrail at this location. If you should have any further questions or comments, please contact me or Mr. Nathan Vatter in the Regional Traffic Office at (865)594-2456.

Sincerely,

Amanda R. Snowden, P.E.  
Regional Director of Operations

C: Nathan Vatter  
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