

September 2, 2009

The Honorable Jimmy Lunsford
Mayor
City of Troy
P.O. Box 549
Troy, Alabama 36081


Dear Mayor Lunsford:

On behalf of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express our support for the City's efforts to develop an east-west traffic corridor through the City as well as upgrading roadways in the effort to improve traffic flow, safety and access. As an organization of over 500 members representing some 10,000 employees in the Pike County area, our mission is to foster and support efforts that create a favorable business climate in our area. The proposed road improvements project will do much to enhance the business climate in the city, county and our region of the state.

Currently, there is no thoroughfare that allows the numerous visitors that attend Troy University and City events to exit US 231 and access the stadium or the downtown without travelling through residential and/or narrow streets. With the pending construction of the arena and amphitheater on the eastern side of campus, the already heavy congestion will only get worse. The proposed traffic corridor will also significantly benefit an industry that is in the process of finalizing their location in Troy and will create a large number of higher paying jobs, a great need in our community.

We wholeheartedly endorse this project and appreciate your continued efforts to improve our City. If you have any questions or need any further assistance from us, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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