

APPENDIX C
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KENT CLARK - MADISON COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

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April 26, 2005

Secretary Bill Nighbert
Department of Transportation
200 Mero Street
Frankfort, KY 40622

Dear Secretary Nighbert:

I would like to extend my support of a proposed connector route from the 499 Bypass in Irvine, Kentucky to the Mountain Parkway in Powell County. Such a route would result in many positives for the citizens of our community and all those surrounding our community. Of top most importance is the increase of safety as a route for citizens of both Estill and Madison Counties, as this particular route would be the emergency evacuation route in an instance of the release of deadly gases from the Bluegrass Army Depot which is located between both Richmond and Irvine.

In addition to the top priority of safety for our community, would be the long term economic impact such a route would provide for our county. This route would provide better access resulting in increased traffic flow for our existing businesses and industry. The route would provide quicker access to Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital, which provides full-scale medical services to over nine surrounding communities.

Our community is fortunate to be located near the educational opportunities which are provided by Eastern Kentucky University and Berea College. However, a connector road would provide safer and better access while pursuing this opportunity. Assisting our community members as well as surrounding communities with an increased opportunity to obtain a higher education results in many positives to any community.

During the past ten years research evaluated by our local industrial authority always results in the fact that we draw both medical patients and employees into our community from the Eastern part of the state. With forty-five percent (45%) of our workforce commuting into our county to work this is a prime example of the need to provide safer access resulting in a large economic impact on our community.

Thank you for your time and if I can provide further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 859-624-4700.

Sincerely,

Kent Clark
Madison County Judge Executive

Commonwealth of Kentucky

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July 6, 2005

Mr. Sam Beverage
State Highway Engineer
Transportation Cabinet
200 Mero Street
Frankfort KY 40601

Dear Mr. Beverage:

This is to follow up on our conversation yesterday regarding the \$500 million J. K. Smith Power Plant to be built in eastern Clark County on Kentucky 89. The location of the plant will create a situation where we will need improvements to Kentucky 89 during the construction phase because of the heavy truck traffic. Because 30 percent of this plant's coal will be supplied by truck over the long term, we will need a new service road from the Mountain Parkway (KY 9000) over to Kentucky 89. Over the short term, it will be important to make KY 89 as safe as possible during the two-year construction phase.

Because of the long-term needs of truck traffic to the power plant, which includes 225,000 tons of limestone per year as a part of the fluidized bed process and the hundreds of thousands of tons of coal, it is imperative for safety and economic development that a new service road connecting the Mountain Parkway (KY 9000) to Kentucky 89 be developed. Growing up in eastern Clark County and knowing the area very well, I am of the opinion that the community would be best served with 1) improvements to Kentucky 89 for the short term and 2) long-term needs including economic improvements and safety concerns be addressed by a new roadway from the proposed interchange at Kentucky 974 to Kentucky 89 near the J. K. Smith Power Plant.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated. If I can answer any questions you may have, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Pasley", written over a horizontal line.

Don Pasley
State Representative

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