

Letters & Other Correspondence



June 2, 2015

H-GAC Transportation Public Information
P.O. Box 22777
Houston, TX 77227-2777

Re: 2015 Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects Public Comments – Mykawa Road Expansion - #300396

On behalf of the Pearland Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors (PEDC), an organization dedicated to promoting the economic development of the City of Pearland, I am writing to express our organization's unanimous support for the Mykawa Road Expansion project submitted by the City of Pearland to the 2015 TIP Call for Projects.

PEDC believes that the proposed project will help alleviate traffic congestion in our region. Pearland sits between various economic engines of the Gulf Coast Region. This strategic location has led to explosive growth in Pearland during the last decade. From 2012 to 2013, Pearland was ranked as the 15th fastest growing city in the U.S., compared to other cities with a population of 50,000 or more. The most recent population estimate from the city projects our current population at over 112,000 residents.

Pearland's rapid growth has led to significant commercial growth in our community, which is currently ranked one of the 50 largest retail centers in the State of Texas. This continued growth has made Pearland a hub for new residents and businesses, which are now suffering from increased traffic congestion.

Mykawa Road has become an alternative route for residents and commuters accessing both Beltway 8 and Interstate 610 and an alternative route to State Highway 35. The improvements would be in both the City of Pearland and in southern Harris County. The road also has seen significant industrial development in recent years from major community employers including Third Coast Terminals, Amerlux, Packaging Services, SolvChem, Pipe and Tube Supplies and many others. Many of these companies utilize the Burlington Northern Santa Fe line that runs parallel to Mykawa Road.

The Pearland Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors believes that the proposed project is essential to relieve traffic congestion and support the economic vibrancy of not only the City of Pearland, but our entire region. Failure to approve this project would significantly add further to our area's traffic congestion and seriously inhibit the full economic potential of the region. We appreciate your consideration of this project and your work on behalf of our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Buchanan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Matt Buchanan
President



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August 13, 2015

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**RE: 2015 Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects Public Comments – Mykawa Road
Expansion - #300396**

On behalf of SolvChem, Inc., I am writing to express our company's support for the Mykawa Road Expansion project submitted by the City of Pearland to the 2015 TIP Call for Projects.

As an employer located on Mykawa Road, I believe that the proposed project is essential to relieve traffic congestion for our employees, customers and residents. Mykawa Road has seen significant industrial development in recent years and has become an alternative route for residents and commuters accessing both Beltway 8 and Interstate 610 and an alternative route to State Highway 35.

The proposed Mykawa Road expansion project is essential to our community as we continue to see increased activity and development along this roadway. SolvChem, Inc. appreciates your consideration of this project and your work on behalf of our region.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Craig

Stephen J. Craig
Corporate EH&S Manager
SolvChem, Inc.



June 3, 2015

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Re: Support for Pearland Roadway Projects Mykawa Road Expansion - #300396

I would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak to the importance of the **Mykawa Road Expansion submitted by the city of Pearland** on behalf of the Third Coast Family.

Since 1998 we have called our location at 1871 Mykawa Road, "home" for Third Coast Terminals. As of today we have a total of 193 team members and we continue to grow. This growth has been created by our hard work – but we must also give credit to the transportation infrastructure that supports these jobs – both rail and roadways that are near our facility.

Today, we are receiving the benefit of projects completed in the past. We are benefitting from the expansion of Beltway 8 and the expansion of McHard road to Mykawa. These were important decisions that were made in the past that have helped us create a thriving business.

At this time we are asking for your immediate help – without the approval of the Mykawa Road Expansion Project – the success of the projects approved in the past are now in jeopardy. The traffic on Mykawa Road has increased immensely and the road is showing the wear and tear of this usage. **Increased commuters, residents and truck traffic all use this small two lane road.** Our business alone has heavy truck traffic of 75-100 truck deliveries a day. Not to mention our neighboring businesses who also use Mykawa as their avenue for major truck deliveries. The expansion of this project – capitalizes on previous infrastructure investments mentioned earlier. Turning your back on this decision – nullifies the progress of the past and leaves the city with a dangerous, deteriorating and overcrowded road.

Your support for the Mykawa Road Expansion Project from FM 518 to Beltway 8 builds on past decisions and creates a brighter – safer future for Pearland and its residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul", with a large, stylized loop at the beginning and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul Glenn
Third Coast
Vice President of Human Resources



June 2, 2015

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Re: 2015 Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects Public Comments –
Mykawa Road Expansion - #300396

On behalf of Third Coast Terminals, I am writing to express our company's support for the Mykawa Road Expansion project submitted by the City of Pearland to the 2015 TIP Call for Projects.

As an employer located on Mykawa Road, I believe that the proposed project is essential to relieve traffic congestion for our employees, customers and residents. We currently average 85 commercial trucks a day coming to and leaving our operations here on Mykawa and employ 173 people. Mykawa Road has seen other significant industrial development in recent years and has become an alternative route for residents and commuters accessing both Beltway 8 and Interstate 610 and an alternative route to State Highway 35.

The proposed Mykawa Road expansion project is essential to our community as we continue to see increased activity and development along this roadway. Third Coast Terminals appreciates your consideration of this project and your work on behalf of our region.

Sincerely,

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Grif Carnes
Vice President General Manager
Third Coast Terminals

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August 24, 2015

Transportation Public Information
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RE: City of Pearland and Brazoria County Roadway Projects

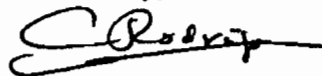
As a business owner in Pearland, I am writing in support of the three roadway projects located in the City of Pearland and Brazoria County. Based on recent news articles, Pearland is the second fastest growing city in the Texas and the fifteenth fastest growing city in the US. With that growth, safe roadways and connectivity for Pearland and Brazoria County residents and businesses along these corridors is a paramount of importance. An improved roadway network resulting from the three projects would not only provide safety but also alleviate congestion frequently experienced by the users.

The City of Pearland/Brazoria County has provided foresight to see this growth, and have plans for expanding the capacity of roadway systems in our city. Please consider this letter as my support for H-GAC to prioritize and fund the following three roadway projects:

- Mykawa Road Expansion, BW 8 to FM 518 (ID300396) (City of Pearland),
- SH 288 North Bound Frontage Road FM 518 to County Road 59 (ID300447) (City of Pearland), and
- CR 101 Widening from CR 90 to FM 1128 (ID300483) (Brazoria County).

City of Pearland and Brazoria County plays an important role not only in serving as a quality place to live for the families of those who work in Houston but also as a destination town with ever increasing business and entertainment activity. We believe four thoroughfare projects indicated above will greatly enhance the mobility in the area and therefore are extremely vital for the quality of life and economic growth in the region.

Sincerely,



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