

MCKINNEY

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

August 1, 2011

Jennifer Cox, Director of Planning
City of McKinney
221 N. Tennessee
McKinney, TX 75069

Dear Ms. Cox:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the students, staff and parents of the McKinney Independent School District (MISD), I respectfully wish to voice opposition to approval of rezoning an approximate 14 acre tract to be used by a truck stop to be located at the northeast corner of Wilmeth Road and Highway 75.

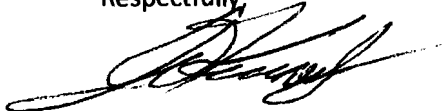
The requested zoning change at this intersection would have far reaching negative impacts on the transportation of MISD students. In close proximity to the proposed truck stop, MISD has a high school, a middle school and the transportation facility at which all buses for the District are housed. As well, the master plan for future development of the McKinney North High School site includes a District athletic stadium that will serve multiple high schools and seat, at a minimum, 12,000 people.

McKinney North High School and Scott Johnson Middle School have a projected enrollment for 2011-2012 of 2,513 collectively. Following future expansions to the campuses, the student population will rise to 4,250 students. Many of the students attending these two campuses travel through the above noted intersection on a daily basis. Added to the campus traffic, Durham Transportation Services transports an average 10,500 students on a daily basis. At the present time, approximately 240 trips are made across the Wilmeth bridge by school buses on home-to-school routes each day.

The District is in the process of revising traffic patterns for bus transportation during the redesign and construction of the intersection of Highway 75 and Wilmeth Road. Our hope was that following this construction the intersection would be less congested to better accommodate safe student transportation in this area. Adding large truck traffic to this intersection would greatly impact this safe transport.

Thank you for considering the negative impact a truck stop at the proposed location would have on MISD transportation. I am available to answer any questions or concerns.

Respectfully



J. D. Kennedy, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

From: Doug Parker
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 8:50 AM
To: Jennifer Cox
Subject: RE: Wilmeth / 75 Truck Stop

Jennifer,

Thank you for sending. For the record, I am against having a Truck Stop on 75. I will try to make the meetings.

Respectfully,

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Doug Parker, CEO

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