

Date: June 28, 2007
To: City Manager Bob Olander
From: Aurora Business and Community Team
Re: Comments on the Aurora 165th – 205th Project

We want to thank you and the City Council for the opportunity to assist in developing the design of the next two miles of Aurora. You appointed us to this committee in December, 2006, with the charge of ensuring that the environmental process for Aurora, 165th to 205th was fair, transparent and thorough. We have met eleven times, and have discussed methodology of all elements of the environmental documents, the “32 Points”, reviewed construction strategies, as well as all of the alternatives. We want the public, the Council and you to know, that we feel the process to develop the environmental reports achieved the objectives of being fair, transparent, and thorough, and followed objective analysis based on the best information available.

At our last regularly scheduled team meeting on May 9, 2007, you asked us to extend our service and charge in order to provide feedback on the draft recommended alternative and on the Implementation Strategies (formerly known as the “32 Points”). We accepted this expanded role, and have met three times since to review the Implementation Strategies, the Draft Recommended Alternative, and input from the June 20th Open House.

The Team would like to offer the following recommendations:

- 1) The team would like to be on record that our review and involvement in the preparing the environmental analysis has been valuable, and we believe the process and approach has been fair, transparent, and scientific. We encourage the Council to take full advantage of the material and information that has been generated as part of this process.
- 2) We support and recommend that the Council adopt the revised Implementation Strategies. These are intended to provide flexibility and to give direction in the design, construction and maintenance of the project. The strategies reflect lessons learned from the Aurora 145th to 165th project, and also include new strategies for stormwater, construction, and economic development.
- 3) We urge the Council to approve the Draft Recommended Flexible Alternative.

We want to thank you, the Mayor, and Council for the opportunity to participate in this very important process, and look forward to the City completing the project in the next few years.