

March 4, 2010

The Honorable Robert Cluck, Mayor  
City of Arlington  
101 W. Abrams St.  
Arlington, TX 76013

Dear Mayor Cluck:

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce wishes to express its strong support for the city's efforts to connect the new, Center Street Bridge to Lamar Boulevard in North Arlington.

When the I-30, 3 Bridges project was planned, this connection was a crucial part of the overall approach to moving traffic in North Arlington. We have supported this part of the project from the beginning. The I-30 improvements are crucial to the development, and redevelopment, of the entire northern sector of this city, and have enjoyed a high degree of support throughout the construction.

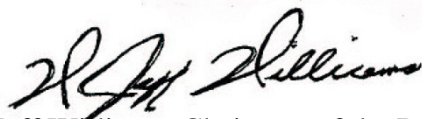
The Chamber continues to advocate that the temporary connection that was in place while the Collins Street Bridge was closed be improved and re-opened because:

- Investment decisions have been made on the assumption that the original plan, with a connection to Lamar, would be executed.
- It seems logical that the city would want to have as many crossings of Interstate 30 and ramps onto and off of Interstate 30 as possible to disperse traffic.
- The potential for the North Arlington overlay to develop is enhanced by having this immediate connection to the overlay area from the southern side of I-30.
- Lamar is a critical east-west artery and provides relief to I-30 and parallel roads on the south during major events in the entertainment district. Connection to that road is critical from a traffic-planning standpoint.

We understand the City Council's need to balance everyone's interests, and we applaud the careful consideration this issue has been given. We stand behind the city in reopening this crucial roadway connection.

We thank you for the opportunity to communicate our concerns on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Jeff Williams, Chairman of the Board  
Arlington Chamber of Commerce



Wes Jurey, President and CEO  
Arlington Chamber of Commerce