

April 29, 2014

Brandi Jittjumnongk
Communications Director - Vincennes District
3650 S. US Hwy. 41
Vincennes, IN 47591

Dear Ms. Jittjumnongk:

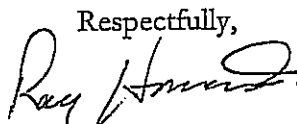
We, the members of the Jasper Common Council, respectfully submit this letter calling for major, long-lasting improvements to the US231/SR56 thoroughfare through our community.

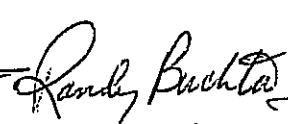
The condition of this highway is the most frequent complaint that all of us receive from the citizens of Jasper. They do not realize that the city is not responsible for the upkeep of this highway so they voice their complaints to us, their elected officials.

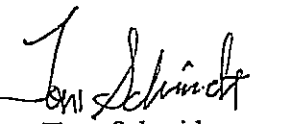
This highway serves a significant amount of Southern Indiana's traffic flow and we believe it has reached the point of needing critical attention. There have been 3 repaves in the past 15 years with the most recent one in 2013. Jasper's Street Commissioner, Raymie Eckerle, commented that the work done last year - in certain areas - is already showing signs of breaking down and won't service the volume of regular and heavy truck traffic currently utilizing the roadway. We acknowledge the brutal impact to INDOT highways as the result of the winter. However, given the traffic, if US 231 is to remain a major corridor to southern Indiana a total reconstruction from the bottom up will need to be done.

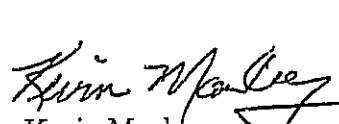
We understand that parts of this project would require the refurbishing of some of Jasper's older infrastructure and we'll work with INDOT in any way we can to keep travel in Jasper safe. We would respectfully ask that the State provide us with a formal assessment of the condition of the highway and what plans could be put in place to save it.

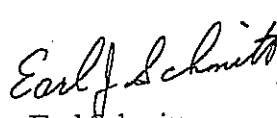
Respectfully,


Ray Howard

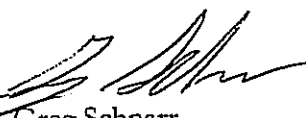

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