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On behalf of our 1,400 member businesses, the McKinney Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has voted to oppose the widening in place of State Highway 380 and is urging officials from the Texas Department of Transportation to work closely with the City of McKinney to determine a bypass route that makes the most sense for our City and Regional future development.

The Board has been monitoring the progress made by TxDOT over the last year and half. Through numerous public hearing input was given to the organization to help shape various alignments. The Chamber has worked to connect our business community with TxDOT to share their concerns on proposed alignments. Now that TxDOT has narrowed down the alignments, we have reviewed the data and vetted the proposed options with our member businesses and concluded that widening in place has the greatest short- and long-term negative impacts on our community.

The number of businesses large and small displaced or negatively impacted by widening in place far outpaces the number listed under the various bypass alignments, as outlined in TxDOT's grading chart. Many residents including minority populations would be either displaced or negatively impacted in greater numbers as well.

In addition, McKinney's largest employer, Raytheon, is opposed to widening in place and has indicated doing so would jeopardize their ability to do business and would cause them to consider moving their operations from McKinney.

Last, but certainly not least, we are concerned with the total cost of the project. With tight public resources and great need throughout our state, the cost of widening in place is much higher than alternative bypass routes and would not be a good use of tax dollars.

Thank you for your consideration on this critical issue for McKinney. We implore TxDOT to continue to work with our City leaders to determine a bypass that will help aid in future economic development for McKinney and the region.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hermes, CCE, IOM  
President