



Lancaster General

December 21, 2006

The Honorable Edward G. Rendell
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of the Governor
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Rendell:

I am writing on behalf of Lancaster General to express support for the proposed Infrastructure & Facilities Improvement program (IFIP) request for transportation improvements to U.S. Route 30 / Harrisburg Pike Gateway Corridor in Manheim Township, Lancaster County. We are keenly aware of the substantial growth on this corridor as it is a direct link between the Lancaster General Hospital in the City of Lancaster and the Lancaster General Health Campus located in East Hempfield Township.

The exponential growth in this region has led to a substantial increase in traffic, an increase that even PennDOT had not fully anticipated. The U.S. Route 30 / Harrisburg Pike Gateway Corridor cannot efficiently operate in its existing form. The interchange becomes congested at peak hours causing lengthy delays and often dangerous driving conditions and will only worsen without the necessary improvements.

Without sufficient infrastructure improvements, growth along this gateway corridor into Lancaster City will create further gridlock and impede economic development. It is critical to our organization that we maintain the high level of care for which we are known. Improvements to the Harrisburg Pike will assist in this effort and substantially assist our patients who depend on us for care.

Again, I wish to express support for the IFIP application for improvement efforts at the U.S. Route 30 / Harrisburg Pike Gateway Corridor. I am,

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Beeman
President & Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Dennis Yablonsky
Secretary
PA Department of Community and Economic Development

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