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July 1, 2008

Mr. Ken Pruitt, Principal Planner
Metropolitan Planning Commission
Suite 403, City County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee 37901



SUBJECT: Request to Close a Portion of Tennessee Avenue
MPC File # 7-C-08-SC / City Block 19524, 19620 & 19720

Dear Mr. Pruitt:

This is a request by Arthur Seymour, Jr., on behalf of Gerdau Ameristeel to close that portion of Tennessee Avenue between Western Avenue and Schofield Street, a distance of approximately 150 feet.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is presently preparing to improve State Route 62 (Western Avenue) in this area. Current plans for State Project No. 47023-1257-14 call for the subject portion of Tennessee Avenue to be eliminated and encompassed by these improvements.

On June 17, 2008 City Council approved Resolution R-185-08, which authorized the mayor to execute a proposal with TDOT for this project. Because the subject right-of-way will be needed for the project, the Engineering Department does not support abandoning it as requested. However, we would support closing it to traffic until the roadway is eliminated after appropriate public notice and input.

I have explained our concerns to Mr. Seymour. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

Floyd R. Smith, R.L.S., Technical Services Administrator

C: Arthur Seymour, Jr. (Fax only: 865-637-5249)
Oliver Farris, TDOT (Fax only: 865-594-2495)
Debra C. Poplin, Law Director
Sharon Boyce, Senior Attorney, Law Dept.
Brent Johnson, P.E., Deputy Director, Engineering Dept.
David McGinley, P.E., Chief, Stormwater Section
File

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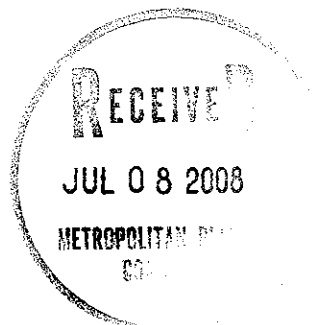
Sysco Food Services of Knoxville, LLC



Tommy Dail
President and Chief Executive Officer

7-C-08-SC

July 7, 2008



Metropolitan Planning Commission
City County Bldg, Suite 403
400 Main Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

RE: Closing of the Tennessee Avenue/Western Avenue exchange

We have no objections to the early closure of the Tennessee Avenue/Western Avenue exchange. Due to the unsafe conditions, we have instructed our drivers and inbound carriers not to use this route.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tommy Dail'.