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Hello Bert,

RE: AIRPORT TRAIL TUNNEL

As per our conversation, attached are the letters regarding the tunnel.

Here are some additional key points:

- All recent Area Structure Plans and Regional Policy Plans around the Airport have included the tunnel.
- Airport Authority presentations to north-east communities have included the tunnel opening prior to the closure of Barlow Trail.
- Hotels, restaurants and traveler-dependent businesses south of the Airport will suffer serious business losses when the existing Barlow Trail closes if direct access to the new Barlow Trail is not available.
- Calgary Airport Authority's website shows the Calgary International Airport Master Plan 2004 including the tunnel and the realigned Barlow Trail. It states that the City and the Airport developed a plan in 2003 and "the key features of the road network include an extension of Airport Trail to the east".
- There are extensive development plans inside and outside Calgary's east boundaries. The new east freeway will open next year and it will be the best route for hundreds of thousands of residents to access the airport. When they take the Airport Trail interchange, currently under construction, they will find that the Airport Trail expressway does not connect to the terminal entrance.

I hope these points help in the preparation of your article.

Thanks,

Jim

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