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Atlanta Transportation Study

Understanding the Impacts of Express Lanes on Metro-Atlanta Communities
Sponsored by the Georgia Department of Transportation
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Dear Chief David Spillers:

In partnership with the Georgia Department of Transportation, as researchers from Georgia State University, we are conducting a study of traffic patterns on Interstate-85 (I-85) heading towards downtown Atlanta. The purpose of the study is to understand travel patterns on I-85 heading towards Atlanta for work and how the new Express Lane extensions will affect traffic. We randomly selected households in several communities that are near the extension to the existing Express Lanes on the I-85 corridor and are most likely to use I-85 to travel to work. The study is an important research endeavor with Institutional Review Board approval from Georgia State University.

We are informing you that student researchers will be visiting randomly-selected residents within your community. The attached map shows the study area where researchers will be traveling throughout, asking to interview our selected respondents. The survey only takes about 10 minutes for participants to complete. The interviewers are all students or employees with appropriate Georgia State University attire and identification. Interviewers will be respectful of your rules and regulations and should not be on an individual resident's property for more than two hours.

Please note that the dates of our research within this designated study area are from August 2, 2018 through November 3, 2018.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions. Sincerely,

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