



November 29, 2010

Project Comments-SR-115 (Alcoa HWY) Bypass
Tennessee Department of Transportation
Suite 700, James K. Polk Building
505 Deadrick Street
Nashville, TN 37243-0332

Dear Mr. Mike Russell:

As the largest affected landowner and affected business, Alcoa Inc. Tennessee Operations would like to officially comment on the proposed State Route 115/U.S. 129 (Alcoa Highway) Bypass Project as presented at a public meeting on Nov. 9, 2010.

While we are sensitive to the safety concerns surrounding the current Alcoa Highway, we are not in support of the Bypass Project as presented at the public meeting.

The proposed route presents serious negative impacts to Alcoa Inc. The impacts are numerous and include, but are not limited to, the following facts:

1. More than 240 acres are impacted by the proposed route – affecting at least eight separate Alcoa Inc.-owned parcels. The impact includes the actual right of way necessary for the construction of the Bypass as well as the surrounding land, much of which will be stranded from road access, irregularly shaped, and virtually worthless after the Project is completed.
2. These 240 acres were acquired by Alcoa Tennessee Operations over the years at market value to provide necessary buffer property around the Alcoa North Plant – which currently employs almost 800 Tennesseans.
3. Over the years, this land has been dedicated to green space, agricultural uses and most recently as part of a Switch Grass Bio Fuels project, which would not be able to continue once the Project is constructed. The commercial potential of this property is very valuable and important for Alcoa to preserve.
4. Alcoa Inc. property accounts for approximately 45 percent of the project's total affected acreage.



The Property Team from Alcoa Inc. Tennessee Operations recently met with City of Alcoa officials regarding the Bypass. City officials indicated they are supportive of our ideas and would welcome the opportunity to work with us and TDOT on alterations to the plan that could possibly make the proposed roadway more attractive and less problematic to Alcoa Inc.

Our proposal is that Alcoa Inc's Property Team be invited and encouraged to work jointly with TDOT's design and engineering team and the City of Alcoa to make alterations to the plan that are mutually acceptable – alterations that would lessen the numerous negative impacts to Alcoa Inc. We have some ideas and suggestions on how this can be accomplished, and look forward to meeting with TDOT to explore these modifications.

It appears that the proposed Bypass plan has not been altered since the public hearings were held in 2004. However, much about the physical and economic landscape of the area has changed, as well as the needs of the community. These physical changes include remediation work that Alcoa has completed in areas that were previously thought to be off-limits to the Bypass Project. We argue that these changes mandate consideration of alterations to the plan in order to lessen the significant financial and economic impacts, and to potentially improve the Bypass Project overall.

Thank you for allowing us to officially record our comments. We look forward to hearing from you as to a time we could discuss our concerns in person.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Alcoa Inc. Tennessee Operations Property Team,

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Dave Hensley,
Primary Metals Interim Plant Manager
and Property Manager

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Christopher K. Jackson,
Rigid Packaging Division Location Manager

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cc: Mark Johnson, Manager, City of Alcoa