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Chamber Forum Provides Businesses With Help Regarding Construction

Over 50 owners and managers of businesses in the Grant Line Road/Hwy. 99 area attended the Chamber's Industrial Roundtable forum today, asking representatives of the City of Elk Grove about when and how the construction will impact their particular business operations, identifying issues of concern about the project and discussing specific impacts on their particular situation.

When completed, the much needed and long-awaited road widening and interchange improvement project should alleviate congestion through the area, as well as on and off Highway 99. In opening remarks, facilitator Ken Allred, Chair of the Chamber's Economic Growth Department noted, "The purpose of this forum is to bring the project managers and the businesses together to make sure the disruption

to business is minimized to the greatest extent possible."

High on the list of those present was the need for early and accurate information on the construction schedule, especially when construction would directly impact their operations. For many of the businesses in the industrial area, shipments to and from operations occur around the clock, and are planned weeks in advance.

City Public Works Department representatives outlined the projects, the tentative time tables and the phasing of the projects, and the steps they are taking to address the concerns of the businesses.

"It will be great to get these improvements done, but businesses in the area will have to live through some tough times before it's

over," stated Janet Toppenberg, President/CEO of the Chamber. "We were pleased to hear from the City representatives about the plans to have an on-site project manager, 24 hour contacts, and that access should never be totally cut off for any business."

According to Burt Brown, Sr. Engineer for the City of Elk Grove, the City will require the contractors to provide at least 7 days notice when the construction will be directly in or adjacent to a business. The Grant Line project should get underway this spring, with a completion target of fall 2007. The Interchange Project will begin this fall and be completed in December 2007 or January 2008. Project plans and maps can be viewed on the city's planning department website at <http://www.egplanning.org/projects/grantline>. ■

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Participating members are listed on the Chamber's web site (<http://www.elkgroveca.com/membership/M2M%20Discounts.asp>) and the offer is sent out in the Chamber's weekly "Chamber News." For more information or if you'd like to be included with these great businesses, contact Paula at the Chamber office 916-691-3760 or chamber@elkgroveca.com. ■

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