JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT

Ford Motor Company

Mermaid Lane

The proposed closure of Mermaid Lane adjacent to 11200 Westport Road and 3306 Collins Lane is being requested as part of the continued operation and security management of the Ford Kentucky Truck Plant. The applicant, Ford Motor Company, owns all of the properties on Mermaid Lane, and the roadway, though open to the public, has long functioned primarily as an internal access point serving the plant's operational needs.

The subject area has evolved into a manufacturing facility for Ford Motor Company, and Mermaid Lane no longer functions as a public thoroughfare or connector. The roadway does not provide access to any external properties or public streets. As such, its continued designation as a public right-of-way is no longer appropriate given the existing land use and site conditions.

The proposed closure will allow the applicant to incorporate the area of Mermaid Lane into its secured facility, improving site control and enhancing overall safety and operational efficiency. Eliminating unnecessary public access to this industrial area will support ongoing manufacturing operations while minimizing any impact on surrounding properties, as there is no through connectivity or reliance on this roadway for access.

The proposed closure is consistent with the surrounding industrial character of the area and represents a logical adjustment to reflect current land use conditions. Additionally, the closure will not create additional demand on public facilities or interfere with the operation of transportation, utilities, drainage, recreation, education, emergency services, or similar essential services. Adequate access and functionality will be maintained, and no adverse impacts to public infrastructure are anticipated.

All costs associated with the street closure will be the responsibility of Ford Motor Company, including any necessary improvements to adjacent rights-of-way and the relocation of utilities. Accordingly, the request will not place any financial burden on public resources The proposed closure further complies with Plan 2040 in that it will minimally impact the surrounding properties while supporting the operational needs of the Ford Kentucky Truck Plant.