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Ms. Dori Caron  
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Dear Ms. Caron:

On behalf of the City of Oak Ridge, thank you for placing a short transportation briefing on the agenda of the Knoxville TPO. We are pleased to share the development of a video of the Edgemoor Road traffic congestion in one of the prime "route to work" corridors in the region. We welcome the opportunity to brief the Board on the growing activity in this area, particularly with expanded missions of the Department of Energy, but also new businesses in the region and expected in the future.

The City of Oak Ridge will share the drone video of road congestion, at various times during the day. The overview will hopefully bring to life one of the major work centers of the region and the continuing need for upgrade of the roadway systems now delayed until 2035. As I have expressed in the past, a known roadway improvement requires recognition of a growing problem and prioritizing within the greater system. Given an anticipated 3,000 new jobs occurring in Oak Ridge, getting the workforce to and from the 16-county workforce area is important, especially with much of the workforce coming from Knox County.

We look forward to sharing this overview and working with the TPO on prioritizing this project for the region and its workforce.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark S. Watson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Mark S. Watson  
City Manager

