

**From:** Pamela S. Murray  
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**To:** 'bonners@dot.state.al.us'  
**Subject:** NO to widening Cahaba Beach Road for Hwy 280 cut-through traffic  
**Importance:** High

Oct. 30, 2017

To Mrs. Sandra F.P. Bonner:  
ALDOT, East Central Region  
Birmingham, AL

Dear Mrs. Bonner,

As both a tax-payer and citizen, I am opposed to any plan to route Hwy 280 & Liberty Park traffic onto Cahaba Beach Road including plans to pave and widen this road and build a 2-lane bridge across the Little Cahaba River.

Why? Because this project, while no doubt convenient for some commuters, exposes public drinking water sources to the risk of contamination from urban runoff caused by heavy traffic and forest loss. I also believe that, as Beth Stewart noted in a recent Al.com article, lands purchased by the Birmingham Water Works board with public ratepayer money should be left alone to serve the purpose they were *intended* to serve: permanently protect the drinking water sources (the Cahaba & Little Cahaba Rivers) for people in our region. These lands were *not* meant to be opened up to high-volume traffic and private development. I strongly oppose our tax dollars being used to facilitate such development *while endangering the integrity of our drinking water!*

Thank-you for considering my opinion on a matter that affects the quality of life of all who live, work and play in the greater Birmingham area; this quality of life depends on protecting natural resources such as the Cahaba and Little Cahaba Rivers from development projects that threaten to degrade them, at the same raising the cost to treat our drinking water, among other negative consequences. There is surely a better alternative.

Sincerely,  
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