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The Azusa Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Action Committee have been collecting letters of support for the re-opening of Highway 39 and Crystal Lake. The committee arranged a tour that was held on Friday, May 9th 2008 at 8:15 am to inform our State Legislators and elected officials of the importance to seek and earmark funding to initiate the re-opening of Highway 39 and Crystal Lake. Our proposal seeks to affirm the value of this vital link between economic growth, public safety, environmental benefit and recreational opportunities to our local community and the entire San Gabriel region as whole. Hwy 39 can serve as a "Destination Point" for tourists traveling to enjoy Crystal Lake and Azusa Canyon.

Highway 39 and Crystal Lake can prove to be much more than just a highway that attracts off-roaders into the beautiful scenic canyon. The re-opening of Highway 39 and Crystal Lake can stimulate tremendous economic growth in every community it touches. Local restaurants can serve up breakfast, lunch and dinner for hungry travelers and off-roaders who visit the canyon. Retailers can provide basics good and services at competitive prices while service stations fix tires for off-roaders and replenish fuel for visitors or tourist. Before long, the re-opening of Highway 39 and Crystal Lake can become the catalyst to an effective and sustainable economic climate within our community.

As local business owners in Azusa and its surrounding cities, we would like you to think about this effort and how it would benefit your business. Our sincere hope is that you will join us in support of our forward motion to re-open Highway 39 and Crystal Lake. We hope to encourage elected officials to explore how they might contribute to this partnership and find ways to implement positive change. Elected officials need to work together to examine the issues that affect business, and develop recommendations such as this initiative that will strengthen the success of our community and enhance the beauty of our scenic Azusa Canyon.

Because of our continuous efforts to reopen Highway 39 and Crystal Lake, The Department of Transportation will be holding a public hearing and we need your support and attendance. We will be informed on the various alternatives to restore and reopen Highway 39.

Public Hearing - Department of Transportation

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

from 6:00-8:30pm

Azusa Senior Center
740 N Dalton Avenue, Azusa

If you have any questions, feel free to give the Chamber a call at (626) 334-1507. We will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Irene C. Villapania

Chief Executive Officer, Azusa Chamber of Commerce