



March 16, 2022

Dear Mr. Church,

Thank you for your time this morning and your guidance on how to follow up on the College's need for a temporary truck driving range. I would like to formally request the use of the West End Plaza as a temporary truck driving site. Craig Lamb and I have met with Greg Edds and Jim Greene to discuss moving the College's truck driving course to Rowan County and specifically to the West End Plaza. We need a driving range as part of the course, and fortunately, West End Plaza has a part of its parking lot that would be appropriate.

Attached is some background information that I provided to Commissioners Greene and Edds when we discussed the idea. It includes an explanation of our needs and a schedule of classes. There is a great demand in the region for qualified truck drivers positions, and there are currently 757 open truck driving positions in our labor market. Our graduates are finding jobs averaging \$50,000 the first year at a 97% placement rate. Additional fulfillment and distribution facilities in Rowan and along I 85 will continue to increase demand.

The College has held the truck driving portion of the course at Kannapolis Intimidators Stadium since 2016. The Intimidators stadium has been sold, and the College has been looking for a suitable driving range. We think that the West End Plaza is a very good choice as a temporary location. Attached are the details of the driving range needs and class schedule.

Thank you very much for your consideration, and we very much value your support. The region will benefit greatly from the successful truck driving credential program we can provide with your help.

Sincerely,

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Additional Details for Rowan-Cabarrus Community College Course:

- Hold either three or four courses annually
- Each course is 364 hours
 - 64 hours in the classroom (would be held at RCCC campus)
 - 300 hours held at the range
 - Approximately 18 students per class
 - Five trucks
 - Trucks are not loaded, lightweight
 - Range needs to be 2+ acres, no islands or lamp poles
 - RCCC could come off the area when classes are in session
 - RCCC has a trailer that could be put on site for storage of items
 - RCCC has a portable restroom contract for students and instructors
- We have investigated dozens of potential sites, non-available
- Cabarrus county has plans to build a driving pad as part of larger Public Safety Training site, but likely 2+ years in the future

Needed Support:

- Use of a portion of the West End Plaza Parking Lot for driving range instruction (map below)
- Projected dates of range training for 2022:
 - Class 1 - 3/16/22 – 5/19/22
 - Class 2 – 8/10/22 – 10/13/22
 - Class 3 – 10/10/22 – 12/15/22
- Allow us to place site trailer on site
- Allow us to park trucks on-site after hours
- Allow us to place a dumpster on site (or use those on-site, if agreeable)
- Allow us to place port-a johns on-site (or use those on-site, if agreeable)

