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**BURROWS ASSURES TUNNEL BUILT BEFORE RUNWAY –
MAYORAL CANDIDATE ANNOUNCES FIRST MAJOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

Calgary mayoral candidate Craig Burrows addressed what he sees as a critical transportation issue facing Calgarians with a crowd of media and supporters at the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday.

Given that the Calgary International Airport is the third largest employment sector in the city and the third largest airport in Canada – welcoming more than 14 million visitors per year and having committed to billions of dollars in recent and future upgrades, Burrows considers it crucial that YYC remains an accessible gateway to further travel, tourism and economic development for Calgarians and Calgary as a whole.

The current plan to permanently close Barlow Trail from 48 Ave. N.E. to Airport Trail as of April 3, 2011, means that Deerfoot Trail will become the only real access route to YYC.

For a number of reasons – existing traffic volume on Deerfoot, the future of an LRT line to the airport and the already limited access of emergency vehicles to YYC being main arguments – **Burrows feels that construction of the Airport Tunnel is an absolute necessity, calling it an integral link between the airport, Deerfoot Trail, the Ring Road and eventually a Calgary-Edmonton high-speed rail line.**

“We need more east-west corridors in the northeast quadrant, not less,” said Burrows. “The east-west tunnel affords the opportunity to connect Deerfoot Trail and the northeast section of the Ring Road via Airport Trail. It’s about creating another east-west corridor for the movement of goods between Airport Trail and Deerfoot.”

If anyone knows how to lobby for tunnels, roads and solutions for Calgary commuters, it’s Craig Burrows – the alderman behind a series of large-scale building projects planned and executed between 2001 and 2007, including spearheading the West LRT extension, the completion of 69 St. S.W., the widening and extension of Bow Trail and the widening of 17 Ave. past 85 St. S.W.

Taking action today and getting things done right the first time are top priorities in Burrows’ platform. His thoughts on the construction of the airport tunnel, the YYC runway expansion and the permanent Barlow Trail closure have garnered support from key members of Calgary’s business and political community.

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About Craig Burrows and the Craig For Calgary 2010 Mayoral Campaign:

Craig Burrows has acted as VP of a private equity firm since 2008, Calgary’s Ward 6 alderman from 2001-2007, chair of the City Audit Committee from 2002-2007 and Calgary Police Commission member from 2001-2007. He has served as a volunteer for the Calgary Chamber of Commerce – Transportation & Logistics Committee, is chair of ME/FM Society of Alberta and in 2005 was awarded the Alberta Centennial Medal in recognition of his outstanding service to the province. Craig is seeking election as Calgary’s 36th mayor on October 18, 2010.

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