



**ST. PAUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

*525 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue East*

*Bradenton, FL 34208*

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*Rev. James Roberts, Pastor*

*"The Friendly Church in the midst of a friendly city."*

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To Whom It May Concern:

As Pastor of St. Paul M.B. Church I am making this effort to express the membership's concerns and opposition to the traffic option to make Ninth Avenue East a one-way street.

We understand there is a need for traffic control as it relates to downtown Bradenton and the intersection of Sixth Avenue East and Manatee Avenue at First Street. However, we feel that the alternative for the Ninth Avenue East one-way street would be a greater traffic problem, as well as it will create a hazardous condition for existing Churches and businesses and the residents of this area.

St. Paul is located on the corner of Ninth Avenue and Fifth Street East has approximately three hundred members in attendance in Sunday worship as well as large groups the attend weekly worships. We recently completed a massive renovation project and this road change would be hazardous to our growth. This option would also impact negatively on the economic growth of this community.

We support any improvements that would enhance the business corridor of Ninth Avenue East as well as enhance the lives of the residents of this area. We have seen tremendous improvements to the Washington Park Neighborhood and support the continuation of this neighborhood effort. However, to uproot this effort would be disastrous.

We appreciate your sincere consideration of our request.

In Christ,

Rev. James M. Roberts Jr.

Turn Historic 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue / Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue  
into a

## **ONE WAY STREET?**

**Attend the upcoming community workshop on  
TUESDAY AUGUST 19 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., and give  
your input to the proposal to make Historic 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
/ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Avenue a one way  
street!**

Will this proposal hurt churches located along MLK – 9th Avenue? **YES!**

Does this proposal hurt MLK African-American businesses? **YES!**

Will this hinder your driving pattern throughout the neighborhood? **YES!**

**Do you agree with this plan for your neighborhood?**

Sign the petition.

Attend the Bradenton/Palmetto Downtown Mobility Study Community Workshop  
on:

**TUESDAY AUGUST 19 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the  
Palmetto Library**

**Let Your Voice Be Heard!**

State Road 64 One-way Shift  
 and Controlled Access  
 US Hwy 301/41 Option

