

TO: Mayor Don Wesely
City Council
County Board
Planning Commission
Allan Abbott, P. E.
Kathleen A. Sellman, AICP

SUBJECT: Support of Recommendation on the Beltway Comprehensive Plan

This letter is to support the June 27th recommendation on the East Beltway and thank you for moving the decision-making process forward.

The East Middle Beltway route is the best route compared to East Close or East Far because:

- **Transportation Functions:** The East Middle route would aid in completing a circumferential roadway and provide a new truck route without the less efficient "backtracking" found in the East Close and East Far options. According to the DEIS, all three east beltway routes will be of limited value for internal traffic relief.
- **The Comprehensive Plan encourages the development of trails, open space, utilities and alternative transportation modes along major transportation corridors.** The East Middle route has the greatest potential as a multi-use corridor for trails, open space, utilities and other transportation alternatives, particularly compared to the other two routes. It could integrate well with a possible trail in Stevens Creek and then tie into trails along the South Beltway route to Wilderness Park trails. The potential as an open space corridor is significant given that it is within 1 mile of Stevens Creek for over a 6 mile stretch. The East Middle route also parallels an existing LES transmission line and 150 foot easement so this route could function as a joint utility and road corridor for over 8 miles. Highway 2 between 40th and 48th Streets is a good example of a multiple use corridor where there are transmission lines, a trail, open space, storm water corridor and roadway uses.
- **Comprehensive Plan Implications:** The goals of the Comprehensive Plan encourage protecting rural and urban neighborhoods, historic resources and preserving the environment. The amount of residential impact in the East Close route is unacceptable. The East Close has double the amount of noise and visual impacts than East Middle or East Far. The East Far route will adversely impact three historic resources. This impact can be avoided by choosing the East Middle route, which impacts only one historic site, which is more than 1/4 mile from the route. The proposed East Middle route minimizes impact on natural resources in that it has relatively little impact on wetlands and on native prairie. East Middle has one major stream crossing, but it could be built in a manner to minimize the floodplain impact.

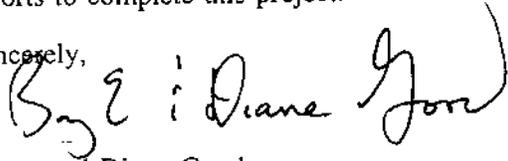
All routes will impact some residents, their homes and farm land. Development of the beltway should not be taken lightly as the lives of people within the route and adjacent property will be significantly affected.

The East Middle route has greater travel savings than East Far and is less expensive to build than East Close. The East Middle requires less paving of arterial streets leading to the beltway intersections than East Far as well. East Close requires fewer miles of arterial street paving than the East Middle also uses 150 acres (approximately 1/4 of a square mile) less land than the other two routes. The East Middle route is superior in terms of transportation function and Comprehensive Plan implications and would serve the goals of the Comprehensive Plan better than the other two routes. East Middle has about the same environmental impacts as East Far, but has fewer residential relocations, historic impacts, visual and noise impacts than East Far. It has fewer impacts in almost all categories than the East Close route. The East Middle Comprehensive Plan Amendment #94-64 should be approved for inclusion in the

Plan. The Comprehensive Plan amendments for East Far and East Close routes are not in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan and should be denied.

Thank you for your recommendation. I encourage you to move forward quickly in your efforts to complete this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry & Diane Good". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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