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Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 4:24 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Oppose CR3 Sheppard Lane proposed move. Move it towards the School

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Liz,

CR3 is wrong for many reasons, including;

1. It does not accept community input by the church, community leaders, and highway research. Your decision must be based on Community input, not the input from a few investors and their ability to obtain favorable opinions from county officials (this has been a huge problem in the past!)

2. The county highway engineer is wrong. He has been grossly wrong in the past. Knowledgeable people describe his input as "lies". More independent third party research and opinions from national highway experts is critical. A comprehensive look at projected growth on 108 is vital to the decision on the location of this intersection. You really need better input; better than the opinions which have disadvantaged Western Howard County over the last decade or two!

3. Voters know that the planned Sheppard Rd intersection at 108 is substandard and is ill advised for Rt. 108 long range planning. One real danger is that school traffic from down Sheppard Lane would be driving on what is described as a roller coaster road. Take a stand for traffic planning that aligns with voters and NOT special interests.

Alan Schneider
Thanks for all you! You are a beacon of hope!

From: hildon.mathieu@starpower.net
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 7:06 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Subject: CR-3-2019

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The following argument for YOU TO VOTE **NO** ON CR-3-2019 or at least table the vote makes good sense to me -- first give proper consideration to **ALL** effects (good and bad) of the proposed realignment of Route 108 and Sheppard Lane. Thank you for working for us! H. Mathieu

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- Taxpayers should not pay the cost of this project when those who benefit most are commercial concerns (Riverhill Garden Center/Square and the Erickson Senior Living development)
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Best regards,

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Sayers, Margery

From: Soon S. PARK <soonspark@gmail.com>
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District 3

Sayers, Margery

From: David/Kristina Elsaesser <elsaessers@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:46 AM
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Subject: Comments on CR-3 at Work Session Discussion // Why you should not vote in favor of CR-3

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Dear County Council,

In light of your Work Session Discussion with Mr. Jim Irvin I offer the following additional testimony:

---- WITH REGARD To the ERICKSON CCRC ZONING Case ----

If you approve CR-3 you will be acknowledging and endorsing part of the Erickson CCRC Community Enhanced Floating (CEF) District rezoning request. Erickson's concept plan delivered to the previous county council was that it would move Sheppard Lane into the configuration shown in CR-3 for the benefit of the community.

In fact, that is still the plan, because the Limestone Valley Farm has not yet conveyed the land required to move Sheppard Lane to Howard County, and it likely will not do so until the CEF is approved. If you support CR-3 you will endorsing part of the CEF. In addition, if you indicate in public work sessions that you are likely to support the CR-3 action in order to enable a Post Office at River Hill Square you are indicating a preference for this part of the CEF proposal.

It is my intention to testify at the Zoning Hearing for the Erickson CEF that the proposal to move the Sheppard onto Limestone Valley is NOT A COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT. You should not be deciding that issue here before you hear my testimony. If you do so you would be taking a position on the CEF proposed zoning without having the all the facts presented.

----- With Regard to the IMPACT of Moving Sheppard Lane -----

There are 2 major problems with moving Sheppard onto the Limestone Valley Farm.

- a) It introduces substandard curvature into Sheppard Lane and **DEFACTO decreases its safety** ... while NOT substantially improving the angle it makes with MD108
- b) **BIGGEST PROBLEM:** It will prevent the county from fixing the single lane bottleneck at Sheppard on MD108 eastbound that causes nearly a mile long back ups during morning and evening commutes. It will make that situation worse because it will add at least 2 extra phases tot the light at Sheppard Lane!

The plan to move Sheppard onto Limestone Valley Farm via F-18-099 was HIDDEN FROM THE COMMUNITY. There was no public meeting on this drastic change to our roads. The COMMUNITY did not have a chance to address concern on this critical intersection in OUR SCHOOL ZONE!

Mr. Irvin said that moving Sheppard Lane to the east onto the existing Right Of Way would also require Design Manual Waivers due to the stream ... but that is not true ... it could be done MUCH CHEAPER than \$1.3 Million and it could avoid the 100 ft flood plain buffer of the stream.

Moving Sheppard to the East would alleviate the 2 problems cited above.

If the DPW and DPZ wanted to serve the citizens of Howard County, as opposed to a single developer, they would be working with developers to enhance the SAFETY and THROUGHPUT of our roads.

As representatives of the people you should insist that DPZ/DPW use some of the \$1.3M they have to hire an independent engineering firm to assess the BEST WAY to realign Sheppard Lane for the PEOPLE of HOWARD COUNTY and not for a single developer.

-----POST OFFICE -----

The County should NOT be moving a county road for a particular tenant at the River Hill Square Development, i.e., the Post Office.

You should NOT be asking citizens of Howard County whether or not they want a POST OFFICE ... you should be asking whether whether they would be willing have worse traffic and a substandard road every day of the year in order to provide a nearby post office that they may only need to visit very infrequently.

With regard to the requirements for a Post Office in River Hill/Clarksville:

- The UPS store in the River Hill Village officers Mailbox Services (essentially, p.o. boxes with a street address) many other mail and shipping services that are in certain ways superior than those of a post office.
- If folks need to send a Certified Letter ... they can drive 2 miles/5 minutes to the the Post Office in Highland.
- If the plan by the USPS to move open a Post Office at RHS is that tenuous and requires immediate action, then perhaps that is because there is not a good case for putting the Post Office at the RHS or because the USPS is looking at other potential superior sites (such as the vacated Ruby Tuesday building in the River Hill Village Center, which has been vacant for several months.)

Sincerely,

// signed //

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