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From: Jim Carbone

Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 4:01 PM

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Subject: RE: Correspondence from Councilman Carbone

Ken,

Thank you for your response. I did read through the minutes of the special council meeting a couple times and I thought they actually did a great presentation. I understand there expertise is in highway engineering but I don't believe they live in Strongsville and are looking for what's best for our community.

I believe that the Shurmer Road slip ramp will indeed help reduce the traffic congestion on 82 and 71. I am not convinced with the amount of traffic that travels on 82 and Howe currently and then moving 75% to the slip ramp, that we don't create another issue. I see the traffic backing up to 71 from the slip ramp which puts us back at square one. Now we moved the issue from a state route to a residential neighborhood.

I don't believe a slip ramp on Boston was recently looked at, has not been pushed hard enough and or maybe ODOT doesn't even want to entertain this. I believe we owe it to our residents to exhaust both options and choose the best one for our community. I still believe we do the study and engineering on Shurmer and Boston for slip ramps and we compare the two projects. If Shurmer makes the most sense for our community then when it goes to vote i am sure the project would move forward. If just a slip ramp looks more favorable on Boston for our community then we would have to work hard to convince ODOT of that. I am sure they also want what's going to work best. Doing the study and engineering on both areas gives our council a far assessment of both projects and a reassurance of what's going to work best for our community.

To answer your question about contacting the people on Boston. No, I haven't but I think it's a moot point seeing we would be doing something similar to the property owners on Howe and Shurmer. I understand there is a price for progress but it's the same for both projects and again why we should look into both areas. I think everyone should agree if we are going to impact someone's home we should do it for the best project.

I respect your opinion on this topic as our city engineer. I have enjoyed working with you and Lori and look forward to future projects. I just don't think we will ever agree on this particular project. I've tried to see the positive with this project and have spent nights thinking about what's best. I'm sorry we don't agree on the location of the slip ramp but I do think we agree that we all want to do what's best for the community

Thank you

Jim

From: Ken Mikula

Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 8:21 AM

To: Jim Carbone

Cc: Tom Perciak; Lori Daley; Aimee Pientka

Subject: RE: Correspondence from Councilman Carbone

Jim:

This proposal was discussed at length at the special council meeting several weeks ago. The presenters

were highway engineers with decades of experience in these matters. I realize you were not there, but I thought you were informed of the discussion. Please set aside some time and come in, we can answer all your questions with factual information.

Please also understand that the \$3.5 million is specific to the project applied for.

Secondly, if I am to understand correctly, your preference is to use eminent domain laws to acquire at least three homes, probably four, demolish them, uproot and relocate these families?

Have you talked to the people on Boston- Helderman's at 15604, the Terifaj's at 15684, or the Streza's at 15686?

Ken

From: Aimee Pientka

Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 4:48 PM

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Subject: Correspondence from Councilman Carbone

Good Afternoon,

Jim wanted me to forward this to all of you:

Everyone,

I am reaching out to you about the proposed slip ramp on Shurmer Road. At first, I was excited because I am well aware of the issue that we have at 82&71. After sometime and studying the information that has been provided, I don't believe this is the right project. My reasons are not political. I made a personal commitment to myself and to the residents that when I got elected, I would always try and make the right decision for our community. We all want to bring peace and safety to our residents, our visitors and our neighbors who use this area during rush hour. But is this truly the best option? I don't believe so. So, after much thought and consideration, I want to propose the following:

I would look more favorably on this study/engineering of the Shurmer Road proposal if we included a study and engineering for a Boston Road slip ramp. This way I believe we can all make a better informed decision. I am aware this may take longer and cost more, but I would rather wait longer and pay more to potentially make the right decision. We can look to add a longer lane on I-71 and connect to North Carpenter Road. The ramp would have three lanes. One lane turning right (south), one straight onto Carpenter and one lane left (eastbound). This way all work would be on Cuyahoga County side, Strongsville side and our ODOT district. This not only would help relieve some of the traffics issues on 82 and 71 but it would also drastically decrease the amount of traffic on Howe Road.

I understand there has been a lot of history and research that has gone into making the ramp at Boston a reality. I believe we owe it to the community to put all options on the table and decide on the best one; even if this means the cost is more we wait, save and pursue the best option for our community and the one that's going to make the safest and best impact for the whole. This can be achieved by incorporating both areas into the study.

This is where I stand and hope you will consider my recommendation.

Respectfully,

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