

My name is Amber Aviles and I am a Strongsville resident who supports the repeal of House Bill 276. I grew up in Brunswick and have lived in Strongsville for almost 4 years now. The attempts at an off ramp between Strongsville and Brunswick over the years is not new to me. I have seen each attempt the city of Strongsville makes fail and I hope I see the same happen again as this interchange would directly impact my daily life.

My house is on Benbow road, where every interchange option at Boston Road would directly impact my house and daily life in many negative ways. As there are many many good points to repeal this interchange, I would like to focus on the domino effect it would have in the surrounding area. How long after the build, would surrounding roads need to be widened to accommodate the increased traffic?

Currently, Benbow Road parallels closely to 71 and would become a main artery if this interchange was to be built. The road is not wide enough for large traffic and trucks, it has many blind spots with hills and curves and lacks sidewalks the entire length of the road. Benbow is one of the last country roads in the city that I am proud to live on. I own one of the three remaining century homes on the street where when built, houses were positioned closer to the road than allowed now. Ordinances have since been put in place to ensure houses are a safe distance from sidewalks and roads. An interchange would immediately widen Boston, putting houses far too close to the road/sidewalks, going against the ordinances put in place for safety and many other reasons. I fear one day Benbow Road would need to be widened, in which case my house and the two other century homes may need to be torn down.

A slip ramp was proposed a few years ago at Shurmer and Howe Road and thankfully was denied. A large reason for that is the fact that Shurmer Road is a 25mph street, similar to Benbow, but the road has sidewalks lining it from end to end. Please consider the negative impact that House Bill 276 would have for this heavily populated residential area that would require widened roads, more houses lost if too close to a widened road, and the safety issues this would impose on homes.