

Dear Clair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Transportation Committee.

Good Morning,

It's sad I even have to write this. Had rules been followed this interchange would not of been included into the transportation bill and signed into law by our governor. It has and now we need your help. Our State senator from Strongsville added language to the transportation bill with no regard as to the implications, not only to those on the Brunswick side but also those of us on the Strongsville side.

We've been lied to, I was told directly from our State Rep from Strongsville that this would be nothing more than what we now have on Wallings Rd. Wallings road is a two lane road, even the entrance is one lane, no turn lane. When the reports came out this is nothing like what Wallings looks like. They want to turn Boston Rd into a 5 to 6 lane road. I would have never moved here had I known it was possible that I would be living off a road that resembles 82 in Strongsville. Who would want to live near a freeway let alone an exit/entrance ramp. Car theft will definitely increase in this area.

There has been many who speculate that the Mayor of Strongsville's main goal is their Industrial Parkway. He claims wanting this interchange is for safety reasons.. we beg to differ with that. He and Strongsville council claim this is not the case but past interviews with the Strongsville Mayor indicates differently.

Light pollution is another major factor here. Our sky's barely get dark and now we will be dealing with more lights. I don't want to hear traffic nonstop. I live right off of Boston Rd. Do you realize the homes and property that will be lost all because three men in positions decided to pull a fast one at the last minute to bypass the rules to get what they want. Had the transportation committee decided on their own that this needed to be done and had reports to back it up I would not of said a word. How this went down is disrespectful to the Transportation Committee and Brunswick community. I've sat in many council meetings, there is no respect given to those being directly affected by this. Even when their own reports indicate this will not solve the issues plaguing 82, Howe and 303 they don't want to acknowledge this. Strongsville council will do whatever it takes to get something on Boston even if it will not significantly help yet cost taxpayers millions of dollars.

I plead with you to help us get the interchange language out of the Transportation bill. If you let this slide, you are green lighting all other State Reps to do the same to get what they want and bypass the laws that we have in place.

Sincerely,
Tracy Graham
Strongsville resident