

Chair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, and ranking member Antonio and Members of the Transportation Committee:

I am writing to tell you I am against building an interchange on Boston Rd. I would not be impacted since I live in Medina off Route 18 but I use to live in Brunswick. Boston Rd is a residential area. It makes no sense to put a ramp in the middle of a residential neighborhood. There would be loss of homes and property values in that area would drop. The traffic problems on Rt. 82 have been caused by Strongsville and the massive amount of commercial real estate they have welcomed on that road.

When Howe Rd. was closed for repaving traffic was still backed up on I-71 exiting on Royalton Rd. If Brunswick people are using the Royalton Rd exit to get home they would be heading east on Royalton to get to W. 130th or getting off at Rt. 303. Believe me nobody would go west on Royalton in front of the mall or Costco to go home. Traffic there is always backed up. Traffic is so bad on Royalton that it is sometimes backed up all the way to Webster which is east of freeway. That is not Brunswick people using Royalton to get to Howe Rd, it is people going to the mega shopping area.

Why not widen Howe Rd? I have gone down Howe Rd. to get to Pearl when I have been up that way (certainly don't want to head down Royalton to Pearl) and notice most traffic is exiting at Drake or Shurmer. Why not just widen Howe?

It also upsets me the way this proposal was snuck in to the bill by Rep. Tom Patton. Very shady. I am really disappointed in Gov. DeWine for signing it that way.

Please do not let this proposed interchange happen it would be devastating to so many families in Brunswick and the city itself.

Thank you,

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