

Mr. Ken Kovalchik
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Dear Ken,

I know that many have made comments about the Draft EIS for the Rapp Road project. I just want to reiterate that we on Paden Circle are concerned about the traffic along Rapp and Gipp Road. We want to be sure that the historical district gets the proper recognition by the city and is not negatively impacted. We hope that modification can be done so that less traffic is going through there but not to the detriment of our emergency service response time.

We would like to ensure that walkability along Gipp Rd is enhanced and not impeded. Shoulders need to be added to Gipp Rd to achieve this.

We always knew that development would happen along Western Avenue we just are concerned with how intense it could be. Any project there needs to be looked at independent of the Rapp Rd apartments even though you are including it in the EIS now. We support our Brooks Rd neighbors in getting a berm and fence to protect their 100 year old Road from negative impacts of this project. The Whalen's home specially sit off a bit and will be severally impacted by this project.

Many have pointed out to the removal of trees and possible endangered species exist in this area and we should be concerned. Given the projects proposal for adding tress and removing as few as necessary I do not see this as a problem. Most of the trees there are in need of attention or removal for the enhancement of the community.

As we have stated in the past we support the Westmere Rd community and their requests for protecting their neighborhood. Just like we want our neighborhood protected.

Thank you

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