Pleasant Street Neighborhood

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Birmingham City Commission
151 Merrill Street
Birmingham, MI 48012

Dear Commissioners:

During the first weekend of December, the residents of Pleasant Street were asked to sign one of two petitions--either in support of or in opposition to the conversion of West Maple Road from 4 to 3 lanes as described in the Multimodal Transportation Plan. As can be seen from the attachment, 18 residents representing 15 families (30% of occupied houses on Pleasant) signed the "opposed" petition and no one signed the "support" petition.

This 100% opposition vote comes from our residents' belief that the proposed conversion will create unsafe conditions from increased "cut through" traffic on Pleasant as well as congestion/unsafe conditions on W. Maple. At the present time, Pleasant Street experiences a high volume of cut through traffic to Southfield Road and fewer lanes on Maple will only worsen this problem. If Maple were to be reduced from 4 to 3 vehicle lanes with 2 bicycle lanes, not only would traffic flow less efficiently, but the existence of vehicles and bicycles on this artery would produce serious accidents, especially for our younger car drivers and bicyclists.

Because of this expectation, we ask the City Commission to delete the W. Maple 4/3 lane conversion proposal (Section 5.2) from the Multimodal Plan at its next Commission Meeting in 2014 before any taxpayer money is spent by the Multimodal Board in 2015 on studying this proposal. Please read this letter at the next City Commission meeting in December and please take a roll call vote among the Commissioners on this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kelly Talmers

Kelly Talmers, 555 Pleasant
Petition Circulator

Attachment

Petition to Oppose the West Maple Road Conversion to 3 Lanes

Signature	Street Address
[illegible]	555 Pleasant St.
[illegible]	629. Pleasant St.
Susan Smith	629 Pleasant St.
Jill Hutchings Robinson	715 Pleasant Street
[illegible]	958 Pleasant street
[illegible]	534 Pleasant
[illegible]	534 Pleasant
[illegible]	555 Pleasant
[illegible]	584 Pleasant
[illegible]	1050 Pleasant
[illegible]	972 Pleasant
[illegible] (Scott R. Reid)	957 Pleasant St.
[illegible]	400 Pleasant St.
[illegible]	584 Pleasant
Aurora Pesenti	580 Pleasant
NATHAN RESNICK	580 PLEASANT
Janet Hemke	515 Pleasant
[redacted]	[redacted] PLEASANT
MARY MANGIN	665 PLEASANT

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100% of Voting Residents Opposed To W. Maple Project

18 Signatures (15 Families) Reflect 30% of Households