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Birmingham City Commission
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The Board and Directors of Westchester Village Homeowner Association would like to express our concerns regarding the City of Birmingham's Multimodal proposal for Maple Road between Cranbrook Road and Southfield Road. Our issues with this proposal concern residential safety and the increased burden this proposal would bring on our neighborhood streets.

With Maple Road's proposed reduction from four to two lanes between Cranbrook and Southfield, traffic congestion will significantly increase. Drivers looking for alternative routes to bypass that congestion, especially at the Maple/Cranbrook intersection, will undoubtedly use Westchester Village streets as pass-throughs to their destinations. The resulting effect of this new traffic to the neighborhood will be compromised safety, increased noise and irresponsible non-residential traffic through the neighborhood.

Westbourne Drive already suffers it share of unwanted traffic as a pass-through between Maple and Cranbrook to/from Lincoln. At both morning and evening rush hours, as well as at Seaholm High School dismissal times, it is difficult to make turns out of the neighborhood, to control excess speeding on our streets and to manage the indiscriminate littering non-residential traffic brings. It is our concern this proposal and the resulting traffic congestion will only increase these issues on Westbourne as well as Middlebury, W. Bradford and Berkshire.

For these reasons, Westchester Village does not support the Multimodal proposal and urges the Birmingham City Commission's rejection of this plan.

Sincerely,

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