

From: Allen Youngwood Sent: Saturday, July 07, 2007 5:18 PM
To: Barta, Larry Cc: gtnaboard@gtna.org
Re: Greentree Neighborhood Questions and Answers: Verona Rd; Beltline operations and safety study

Hello Larry.

I am writing to give you a "heads up". The GTNA Board is sending you a letter to formally clarify our concerns regarding the ongoing West Beltline studies. The Board believes that you and other responsible parties may not be fully aware of our position regarding the East Watts Road Beltline crossing option. The letter is intended to remedy this. The text is as follows:

Dear Mr. Barta.

Thanks for the information you have been supplying via e-mail regarding West Madison Beltline project planning. We believe we are reasonably informed about the overall intent and limits of the Verona Road Interchange Project, Beltline Operations and Safety Study and the future Beltline Widening Study.

It is our understanding that the ongoing Beltline Operations and Safety Study you are managing, may include the East Watts Road/Forward Drive Beltline crossing that was in the 2004 Verona Road DEIS.

The GTNA has four main concerns about this crossing:

- The prospect for a substantial increase in cut-through traffic on local streets, especially Woodington Way past Falk Elementary School.
- Parking, access and safety issues with the West Madison Little League fields along Forward Drive, potentially leading to the relocation or loss of this facility.
- Potential high-density redevelopment of the Spectrum Brands and Pyle properties west of Forward Drive induced or promoted by the crossing.
- Substantially increased traffic on Schroeder Road and the attendant noise, safety and accessibility implications.

All of these issues are discussed in our September 23, 2004 comment letter on the Verona Road DEIS, as well as the comment letter from Mr. Youngwood dated September 28, 2004. The DEIS essentially ignored the first three concerns and presented a flawed analysis on the fourth. Consequently, the Board wishes to make its position clear.

If the Beltline Operations and Safety study includes the East Watts Road crossing with a Forward Drive connection in its recommendations, the GTNA Board believes that the above four effects represent a significant adverse environmental impact to the Greentree Neighborhood.

When public involvement begins on your study, GTNA will be asking WisDOT and the City for the full scoping, detailed analysis and effective mitigation of these effects - as well as answers to other questions and issues brought up in the aforementioned comment letters.

We look forward to the initiation of discussions with the public on your project. Please continue to keep us informed.

Sincerely,
Greentree Neighborhood Association Board of Directors