From: Becky Stinchcomb
To: bsmithson

Cc: Council; Niel Jurist; Michael Blackford; Emanuel Torres; Directors

Subject: Re: Round about old Gahanna

Date: Thursday, September 17, 2015 11:43:48 AM

Dear bsmithson, (sorry I don't see your name in the email to address you more personally),

What you are referring to is a CONCEPT plan contained in the recently-released citywide economic development study. This study helps us identify areas of the community that can be improved to create new jobs, to put it very simply. The plan is almost 200 pages and is pretty technical, but it is on our website in its entirety for everyone to see. We asked the firm to look at five priority areas, and the Stygler Agler intersection was one of those areas studied. We have had complaints about traffic problems at that intersection for many years; also many citizen calls from your area asking the city to help encourage redevelopment and modernization of Royal Plaza shopping center. So we included this area in the study.

Yes, there will be MUCH opportunity for public input over what I suspect may be many years before there is any PLAN created to make changes there. The first public open house was held last Wednesday night. This coming Monday night, there will be a public hearing on the economic development plan at city council meeting at 7 pm. You are always welcome to attend all these meetings, which are all open to the public.

I want to emphasize that at this time there are no current projects developed to make any changes, and no funding is in place. This study's purpose is to start the conversation about how this area, and many others in the city, can potentially be improved in future years to create new jobs and new revenue for the city in the future.

You will be getting another email today with a link to click so you can see this study for yourself. I am also going to copy all city council members and senior staff on your email and my response, so your voice will be heard. I encourage you to look carefully at the whole study for yourself, and continue to offer your opinion on how we can make the West Side even better.

Would you like to be added to the city's email list and get our newsletter? We only send it out about every other week, and it will give you updates on upcoming meetings. Let us know. Thanks for writing.

Becky Stinchcomb Mayor

On Sep 16, 2015, at 9:46 PM, bsmithson < <u>bsmithson@newburycompanies.com</u>> wrote:

Just heard of the plan to put in a round about in the Alger Moorfield area. I strongly oppose. I didn't buy in Gahanna to have this in my neighborhood. I think that if it was in the commercial section being developed on Hamilton that would be different but my neighborhood is made up of long term Gahanna home owners. Will this be up for a vote or discussion?

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone