

Fuller Station study

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Dear Council Members,

I see that an additional amount of money to study the Fuller Road Station is on tonight's agenda. Why does Council continue to allocate huge sums of money when the project has yet to receive formal approval? And is it not a conflict of interest to use JJR for environmental work when they were used for the sewer project?

The present Amtrak station is in the historically correct location for a train station for the City and it is a location that can continue to serve both as "gateway" to the City and a commuter hub. Any shortcoming in the present building or available parking can be remedied at a far smaller price than moving the station to Fuller Park. It would be far more sensible to provide bus transport between the station and the hospital if and when the trains actually are used for commuting.

Mr. Cooper likes to point out the disadvantages to the present location, but just consider all the disadvantages to the Fuller Park location - first and foremost, it is parkland and not just any parkland but the best and last bit of the "Huron River Valley" that we have; then, it requires so many adjustments - the sewer project being first and then there's the roundabout with three bridges to boot, and there's the new elevated bridge over the tracks so that commuters can get up to the hospital, and the possibility of a huge parking structure for "parkers" not commuters, not to mention the congestion that already exists at the Fuller/Glen/Hospital Drive intersections.

I am echoing questions that continue to plague your constituents. We just don't understand and we are not convinced that all this is being done in the best interests of the City or of the region, now or in the future.

Thank you for reading this.

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