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Subject: Setbacks along major corridors

Hello,

Thank you for your work related to TC1 rezoning in the southern part of Ann Arbor. I shared some questions and thoughts in the written Q&A of today's webinar and I would like to email some thoughts as well.

I support increasing density in our city to help avoid sprawl and to help address the need for more housing in the city. While I support the rezoning overall, I would ask that we tailor the zoning rules to protect the health of future residents of the area. Depending on the wind direction, air quality can get exponentially worse as one approaches a high-traffic road. Given the high traffic volumes of I-94, State, and Eisenhower, I would like to request that we increase setbacks of these roadways as part of increasing the density of the area. Placing new apartment buildings further back from I-94, State, or Eisenhower can help protect future residents from the negative health effects of traffic pollution.

We can use these buffers between roadways and buildings to provide space for transit-only lanes, street trees and mini-forests, and non-motorized paths.

Here are some resources on the health effects of living near major roadways:

https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-11/documents/420f14044_0.pdf

<https://www.lung.org/clean-air/outdoors/who-is-at-risk/highways>

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/01/200123152616.htm>

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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