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Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 9:30 AM  
To: Planning  
Cc: Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher (Council)  
Subject: in favor of proposed Fuller Rd Station

Dear Planning Commissioners and Councilmembers,

I'm writing to express support for the proposed Fuller Road Station.

While I'm proud to say I've recently become a homeowner in Ann Arbor, I must say I've never used the park at the proposed site (even at my previous home off Maiden Lane) and would not miss it if the station were built there. While there appear to be many people in Ann Arbor who can't abide the thought of losing a scrap of parkland, I am not one of those people. There are plenty of perfectly good riverside parks in the immediate vicinity of the proposed station. On the other hand, there is a severe long-term parking shortage at the UM medical campus. While I, like many, commute to work in that area by bus and/or bike, on a daily basis there are thousands of people who must commute to work or visit to receive care there, but who live outside the range of bus service to the campus. Furthermore, I believe Eli Cooper has made a compelling case for how important the proposed station would be as a transit hub for future rail operations in southeast Michigan, and how key this particular location is.

I urge you not to let the passion for their parks demonstrated by the handful of very vocal citizens outweigh the benefits to the tens of thousands of people that this station would provide. Even if the station is built, Ann Arbor will continue to have the finest municipal parks system in the state.

Sincerely,

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