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To: Planning
Subject: concern/comment for public hearing regarding expansion for Greenhills School tonight
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Good afternoon,

I want to share an opinion regarding the expansion of 850 Greenhills Dr. (Greenhills School). I live directly across from the main entrance at 805 Greenhills Dr. Over the years we have had to manage the impacts of traffic. People parking at our homes in the limited spots we have, being blocked and not able to access our homes or leave during arrival and dismissal times. In working with our association the school has made some shifts to help accommodate having a school inside a residential area like ours such as putting signs in our entrances for parents not to park, having staff observe a facilitate traffic (at times, not as often now), adjusting arrival dismissal times, addition of an AATA route that appears to have limited use, but is a great addition.

As an educator myself, I am in full support of creating more educational opportunities for families and in support of this for Greenhills, but that alone is not the issue. It is the increased impacts on traffic to those of us living on that very small curve of Greenhills Drive in Earhart Village.

The street cannot handle an increase in traffic that comes with another 205 students who will primarily be driven. Our homes have limited access twice a day at arrival and dismissal. Has a traffic study been done to assess this impact. Will the fire access road addition be used for pick up and drop off as well? If you have not seen the traffic and the inaccessibility to our homes during this time how do you increase the traffic without a plan? My daughter recently had a medical emergency which warranted an ambulance around 3ish on a Saturday. She needed to be transported as they were unsure if it was seizures. If this occurred during a busy arrival or dismissal time and our home could not be accessed due traffic of the school parked in the street 3 cars wide, who would have been responsible if this was a life or death situation? The school? The planning communication for allowing this barely sustainable traffic pattern knowing home would be inaccessible at times? I have two neighbors who are both in their 80's and one is not in good health. What would happen to them if medical care was needed and again, delayed access due to traffic just sitting 3 cars wide blocking access?

Again, I support the expansion in theory and want parents to have educational choices such as Greenhills, but there has to be something in place to address serious issue of current traffic and now looking at increasing it by a couple hundred cars, we can't assume all kids have sibling or carpool to cut the number down of the impact. Just this morning I could not leave my drive when a car completely stopped in the middle of my entrance. Students had to get items. Took a few minutes to go through the car, then pulled away without any regard. I was leaving my home.

The traffic issue for me truly rose to the level of how this can impact 911 services during their arrival and dismissal times when we had our own emergency. Possibly traffic can use the new

proposed fire lane to allow a more direct in the back to look at drop off differently?
Additional staggered start and stop times to lessen how many come at once. I'm not sure the final answer, but I hope you address this as a serious issue and plan for the impacts.
I know there would need to be an answer if myself, my children, or a resident in Earhart Village could not get care or was delayed in care from an ambulance for a 911 call because they did not have access to our homes due to the school traffic and everyone had been aware of the concern.

I appreciate the time taken to review my concerns and look forward to a possible solution with an expansion.

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“If children can’t learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn”
Michael J. Fox