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Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 9:10 AM
To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
Subject: Fwd: Trinitas development plan comments to Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Nicole Chardoul. I am a resident of the Northside neighborhood, parent of a 6th grader at A2 STEAM@Northside and co-coordinator of our school's Safe Routes to School program.

I am writing to express my concerns for the Trinitas development project on Pontiac Trail. I am a former resident of the Huron Highland neighborhood just south of the development, and as of last October, I live closer to the school on Pear Street, partially for reasons to make it safer for my daughter to walk to school as I typically need to head to work early. Huron Highland is a quiet neighborhood away from traffic and downtown with a wonderful park in the middle for our kids to play and neighbors to gather. There are many young families in this neighborhood, as well as in the neighborhoods between here and Barton Drive (the area NW of the Pontiac Trail/Barton intersection as highlighted in grey in the attached map). From this area alone, there are about 31 families whose children attend A2 STEAM@Northside K-8 school SE of the Pontiac Trail/Barton intersection. Looking at the map, there are about quadruple this amount of families who need to cross Pontiac Trail and/or use the Pontiac/Barton intersection or the Traver/Baron intersection near the north entrance to the school at 912 Barton Drive.

There are already a large amount of commuters driving, and often speeding, down Pontiac Trail and coming from the M-14 exit ramp to Barton who do not live in these immediate school neighborhoods and speed trying to get to work or school at the UM Campus and Hospital. This makes for crossing Pontiac and Barton very dangerous for our children, especially in the morning between 7:45 and 8:15 am. Adding a new development for students with vehicles along Pontiac Trail will only increase this serious issue for our neighborhood school. Additionally, parking will likely spill over into the Huron Highland neighborhood along Skydale and so the area around Pontiac Trail, Skydale, Arrowwood and the bus stop will likely be more congested and the line of sight is already poor at that crosswalk. When my daughter walks to school from this neighborhood where her dad still lives, she crosses at this crosswalk, and although there is not a good line of sight with speeding vehicles coming from north Pontiac Trail, we feel it is safer than using the intersection at Pontiac and Barton. There is currently not a safe place to cross Pontiac Trail (no school crossing guards for this NW section of students) and adding more commuting traffic will only make the situation worse.

As part of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, we conducted a parent survey of how their kids get to school and any reason why they wouldn't walk or bike. Distance was the #1 reason because we have families from around the district to attend A2 STEAM, but the #2, #3 and #4 reasons were safety concerns with traffic and intersections. Please see the [elementary school](#) and [middle school](#) final reports pages 13-18 for survey results.

As a neighborhood resident, parent of an A2 STEAM student, and as the SRTS co-coordinator, I am concerned about this housing development for traffic reasons and I am asking that the planning commission deny approval until the developer comes back with changes that address the traffic issues.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the SRTS action plans or want to discuss this further before the April 17 Planning Commission meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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A2 STEAM Student Addresses SY2017-18

STEAM Student
AddressesSY201718.xlsx

 All items

A2 STEAM @ Northside

 912 Barton Drive



2017-2018 student addresses NW
of intersection

Trinitas Site

 Polygon 1

