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Subject: RE: Proposed Riverview (off Geddes) project

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your letter which helpfully and thoughtfully informs us of this proposed project and why including it in the upcoming Capital Improvement Plan with a construction date for 2018 is not reasonable.

I, and I apologize, had no idea this project was still on the near-term capital plan, and your letter, and that of other Riverview neighbors, is what is bringing this project to my attention. Again, I sincerely apologize, and very much appreciate your bringing this to our attention.

Mr. Lazarus, as you know and appreciate, this neighborhood has been severely impacted by the Geddes Ave. project for 2 plus years – Mr. Fagan well describes all the impacts on his and his neighbors' lives over the course of the project. Originally, the water and sewer portion of the Geddes Ave. project that runs along Riverview was planned as part of the project, but then determined not to be feasible/a priority and was cancelled. In retrospect, given the duration and demands of the Geddes Ave. portion of the project, I think, for whatever it's worth, this was a very good call – which is all the more reason why I am surprised to see this pop up as a recommended 2018 project. The timing is unexpected and not, for the many reasons I'm sure anyone involved in or impacted by the Geddes Ave. project can appreciate, appreciated or understandable from a residents' perspective.

I share Mr. Fagan's and others' concerns (will copy you on other exchanges) and am very hopeful that the CIP recommendation will for this Riverview project will be moved out beyond 2018. No neighborhood should have to endure a two year construction cycle, and the timing of this project should recognize that lengthy impact and disruption.

Bill, council approves Capital Improvement Budgets, not the plan itself (an odd technicality, I know), and I will just say that I do not see the need or justification for planning this project for 2018. The neighborhood's endured enough.

Thank you again, Bill, and thank you for listening to our neighbors' pleas for peace Deb and Mr. Lazarus.

Gratefully, Jane

From: Bill Fagan [<mailto:fagan@fujiarts.com>]
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Dear Ms. Gosselin,

Thank you very much for your time on the phone this afternoon. You were very helpful. I am following up to give you my thoughts on the proposed Riverview project as you indicated that an email would be good to express my opinion with the planning commission.

Every resident of the Riverview area accesses the neighborhood from Geddes. We have all been subjected to an unbelievably long, inconvenient, and personally costly construction project for two years now. We are barely two weeks into accessing our neighborhood normally and we hear that the city is considering tearing up Riverview in 2018 for another major infrastructure project. I wonder how much of this the city thinks is reasonable for a resident to have to tolerate. I know for a fact that more than 1/2 of the residents that would be effected by the sewer/water availability do not want this project to move forward now. I can share the breakdown house by house if anyone is interested.

We moved to Dover Place (off Riverview) from a Burns Park area very close to the students. The point of the move was to get away from the student noise and find a peaceful neighborhood. Ours is just that. However, for two years now we have had a constant stream of construction noise, dirt, beep beep beep of construction vehicles, extremely inconvenient detours lasting over a year, clouds of dirt flowing through the neighborhood and into our homes when the windows are open, rude contractor's flagmen ordering us around like children, the mud slalom down Geddes when it was dirt and water, sewage spills multiple times into Gallup Park, I could go on. Construction is one thing, the Geddes project duration and management was not reasonable. I noted that in 1931 the Empire State Building was built in 13 months. But, the city and that contractor needed three construction seasons to do this work on Geddes.

I am not objecting to the eventual installation of water and sewer in our area. That's not the point. The point is that we need a break. To start this whole thing up again in spring of '18 and expect us to slog through a similar scenario again this soon is not reasonable. I wonder how many years while living in my home I have to deal with these conditions. At this point it could be a major portion of the time in that home. That's just wrong.

I am sure there are other projects that can be addressed before this one. I am suggesting that the city leave us in peace to enjoy our homes and neighborhood for a couple years.

Regards,

William Fagan

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