

**Fwd: Dec. 15, 2020 Hearing - Westbard Sector Plan**

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This letter is written in regards to residents views on the Abandonment of Portions of Westbard Ave. and Ridgefield Rd.

Our family of 6, which include 4 children, reside at 5517 Westbard Ave.

Over the last few years, the traffic on our street has significantly gotten worse. So much so that our neighbors conducted our own traffic study in 2017 and another was done in early 2020. Even after changes were implemented by MCDOT (such as new speed humps/new speed signs and no left turn signs onto River Rd) the traffic has actually increased and the no left turn signage is mostly ignored.

Daily, several large trucks take the short cut through Westbard Ave. ignoring both the weight/speed limit signs, which make it noisy and dangerous throughout the day and into the evening.

The noisy street and constant barrage of vehicle and large trucks is distressing but the biggest concern is the safety of my children and my elderly neighbors who traverse on our street frequently. There have been too many occasions where we will be walking only to become annoyed and frustrated at the speeding vehicles. Specifically, a few years ago, our oldest daughter was almost hit by a car that was trying to get past the light on the corner of Ridgefield and Westbard. Another child was actually hit by a vehicle on the opposite end of the same intersection in 2015 while trying to board the school bus.

The speeding and high traffic count on Westbard is a common occurrence and a constant imminent and dangerous situation. With the impending construction of the Westwood area, We believe the predicament will only get worse.

The Realignment and Abandonment of Portions of Westbard and Ridgefield road should be done ASAP and is of utmost importance for the safety of ALL the residents especially the most vulnerable: the children and elderly who walk the street multiple times a day.

The failure of this plan to be enforced will hold all members negligent in the event of any unfortunate mishap.

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