

Kelsey Rogers

Item No. 5, Communication 2

From: Jim McCann
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 3:08 PM
To: 'Bob Burton'
Cc: Mike Moore; Kelsey Rogers; Jill Barnes
Subject: RE: Miller Avenue

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Hello Bob-

Thank you for the email. We will provide it to the Council as a communication regarding the agenda item.

Best regards,

-Jim

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From: Bob Burton [<mailto:bob@silvergroup.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 2:30 PM
To: Jim McCann
Cc: Mike Moore
Subject: Miller Avenue
Importance: High

Hi, Jim -- I note from the MV Patch that a move forward on Miller Avenue is scheduled to be discussed at tonight's CC meeting. Unfortunately, I have an important prior commitment and cannot be there. However, I would appreciate this message being forwarded to the Council members and read aloud at the meeting.

Essentially, I'm imploring the Council NOT to move ahead on any configuration that includes Median Parking. In this enlightened day and age, it is inconceivable to me that a large sum of money would be spent on such an antiquated and unworkable design that will be with us for eons to come. Here are some points to consider:

1. After more than a year's worth of intensive meetings, the Streetscape Taskforce made two recommendations to the Council:

First Choice: Side Parking

Second Choice: Modified Frontage Road

They didn't even include Median Parking as a third choice, yet the Council proposed and adopted Median Parking with practically no discussion. If I had been a member of the Streetscape Taskforce, I would have felt totally ignored and that I had wasted a tremendous amount of time!

2. Thereafter, when the new consultants were hired, they were simply given their marching orders to make Median Parking work and, as far as I know, were never asked if they thought that was the best solution, or

even a good solution. I would lay money on it that their answer would have been, NO, there are much better solutions, and that the same answer would be forthcoming from any other reputable consultant!

At the very least, I implore the Council to do what they should have done in the first place before spending any more money on the currently proposed disastrous scenario: Ask the consultants that they themselves hired what they REALLY think about Median Parking.

Yours,

Bob

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