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Golfview Neighborhood
Birmingham, MI 48009

June 10, 2014

Birmingham City Commission
151 Martin Street
Birmingham, MI 48012

Dear Commissioners:

During the past weekend, the residents of Golfview Boulevard were given the opportunity to sign either one of two petitions regarding the proposal to convert West Maple Road from 4 to 3 lanes when the road is resurfaced.

Out of 16 houses on the street, 14 residents representing 12 households, signed the opposed petition, 2 families wanted to think about it and 2 families were not at home. Therefore, 100% of the households that opted to sign a petition chose to sign the petition to oppose the conversion as shown on the attachment.

The following comments represent some of the reasons given when the residents voted:

* A 3-lane Maple Road would make any turns from side roads very difficult, as traffic streams would be heavier and have fewer interruptions.

* Removing traffic lights and narrowing the road will make driving less safe, as the lack of traffic breaks currently caused by the stoplights to be removed would encourage cars entering from cross streets to take more chances squeezing into small traffic gaps.

* A lane conversion would make West Maple like Adams, which is very congested.

* Left turn lanes work best where cross streets are in a direct line rather than like Glenhurst, where the north and south portions of the road are not aligned, and where a center turn lane can create nose-to-nose stalemates for cars in opposing directions.

* There are better and safer places for bike lanes than West Maple Road. Note: This was a comment expressed by 2 residents who enjoy biking in Birmingham now.

* The conversion plan would exacerbate the significant congestion which occurs at morning and afternoon rush hours, and would likely force more traffic over to Lincoln Road, which would be an unwelcome development for many residents.

Based on the petition signatures on the attachment and the reasons cited above, the Golfview Neighborhood is asking the City Commissioners to remove the West Maple Road 4/3 lane conversion proposal from the Multimodal Plan and to read this letter at the next Commission meeting where the Multimodal Plan is discussed.

Sincerely,

Russ Ives
Petition Circulator

Attachment

Petition to Oppose the West Maple Road Conversion to 3 Lanes

Signature	Street Address
[illegible]	552 Golfview
[illegible]	576 Golf View Blvd
[illegible]	534 Golf View Blvd.
[illegible]	539 Golf View Blvd.
[illegible]	510 Golfview Blvd.
Rebecca Rudnick	390 Golfview Blvd.
[illegible]	311 GOLFVIEW BLVD.
[illegible]	385 GOLFVIEW BLVD.
Roseann Kayle	463 Golfview Blvd.
[illegible]	411 Golfview
[illegible]	468 Golfview
[illegible]	585 Golfview
[illegible]	559 Golfview Blvd.
[illegible]	552 Golfview Blvd.

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100% of Voting Residents Opposed
To Maple Road 4/3 Lane Conversion.

14 Signatures (12 Families) Reflect
75% of Households in Neighborhood.