

To Whom it May Concern:

RE: 15Variance1014 Eastwood/Springdale Automotive
Construction Plans and KYTC Approval of a new Shelbyville
Road cut for property being developed in Eastwood by Springdale
Automotive

A new plan was introduced to the Eastwood Village Council related to the Eastwood property proposed for the Springdale Automotive facility, which requires a new cut to Shelbyville Road to allow the change of the front orientation of the property from Eastwood Cut Off to Shelbyville Road. The new building design better conforms to village form district design patterns in Eastwood. What has not been remedied in either the new or existing proposed construction plans is the Shelbyville Road cut that is necessary for the new front entrance to the property.

The Eastwood Village Council finds the Shelbyville Road cut indicated in both the current and newest Springdale Automotive plans, poses particular safety issues for a section of Shelbyville Road that already has a history of many accidents, close calls and even a fatality. In the accident report requested for that section of Shelbyville Road over the past two years, 25 non-injury accidents and 7 injury accidents have been reported and as recently as in the past week an accident occurred between a school bus, truck and car. The traffic conditions related to the Shelbyville Road section near the property, would be further exacerbated due to the change in the property's front entrance orientation from Eastwood Cut Off to Shelbyville Road as described in the construction plans submitted for a BOZA hearing and identified as 15Variance1014 and to be reviewed by KYT District 5 officials for their approval. The traffic issues and concerns we have are as follows:

1. Shelbyville Road decreases in speed from the east and from the west from 55 MPH to 45 MPH with speeding a consistent concern.
2. Shelbyville Road reduces from three lanes to two lanes for

vehicles traveling west just before the Johnson Road/Shelbyville Road intersection.

3. When traveling east, Shelbyville Road reduces from four lanes to two lanes, which includes a blind curve, just before the Johnson Road/Shelbyville Road intersection, which is less than 300 feet from the new proposed cut to the property.

4. There is increased traffic flow in both directions along this two lane section of Shelbyville Road due to: subdivisions east of Eastwood, travel to and from the new Simpsonville Outlet Mall, opening of a back entrance to Polo Fields accessed by turning onto Johnson Road from Shelbyville Road, the use of the Shelbyville Road stretch from the Gene Snyder to Simpsonville as an alternate route for I64 when there is a bottleneck due to an I64 accident, construction or other traffic issues

5. Further traffic congestion on Shelbyville Road due to the Gardiner Park development with expected construction to begin this summer.

6. Frequent traffic back ups on the blind curve and in front of the proposed Springdale property entrance when cars attempt to turn north on to Johnson Road from Shelbyville Road, blocking the proposed Springdale property entrance to their customers.

7. The proposed entrance for Springdale Automotive is less than 300 feet from the Johnson Road/Shelbyville Road entrance used by Polo Fields residents to access their back entrance.

8. The Johnson Road/Shelbyville Road intersection becomes blocked when eastbound traffic cannot turn north onto Johnson Road backing up traffic across the entrance to the proposed Springdale Automotive entrance, and west bound customers then cannot turn into the Springdale Automotive entrance due to the eastbound traffic back up causing backup across the intersection with westbound traffic and creating gridlock.

9. There will be a significant increase of traffic by the movement of vehicles from the front entrance to the back entrance of property.

It is our recommendation that the Eastwood section of Shelbyville Road needs to be improved in order to handle the current and anticipated traffic flow based on the 33 accidents that have occurred in the last two years. Additionally for safety reasons, as is recommended in the Eastwood Neighborhood Plan, no new cuts should be allowed in the Eastwood section of Shelbyville Road.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns about the construction plans for this property's development.

Best regards,

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