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Jay,

I have a previously scheduled meeting and will not be able to attend the Development Review Committee's online meeting on the above referenced matter. I did want to provide feedback to the Committee following the applicant's closing off of Zayre Road. Will this email be provided to the Committee prior to or during the hearing? If not, will you please advise immediately so that we can make other arrangements for representation at the hearing?

We (Dalton Court LLC) own 5302, 5310 & 5312 Milner Road (35 MultiFamily affordable housing units) - directly behind the Honda Dealership and we have the greatest impact by the road closure which was literally across the street from our parking lot.

While we appreciate the repurposing of the vacant old Kroger building into the Honda dealership, the closing of Zayre Road has been detrimental the the health and safety of myself and my residents. Prior to closure, we were able to use the stop light to make left hand turns North onto Dixie Highway using the existing stop light & turn signal. Now, we are required to use the Flintlock & Dixie intersection to turn right and make a U-Turn on Dixie to go North. The most often occurs at the Blanton Lane & Dixie Highway intersection where we have observed an increase in auto accidents as there are more cars in the U-Turn/left turn signal lane on Southbound Dixie that block the inside Southbound lane creating backups & gridlock. If that intersection isn't safe, the next opportunity to turn North onto Dixie is at the entrance to Lowe's (~6641 Dixie Highway) where the left turn signal is short as is the turn lane and we witness people running the red light on a regular basis. The only alternative to turn North onto Dixie Highway is to weave through the subdivision to the West of our properties creating unintended congestion in a neighborhood not designed for increased traffic congestion.

Secondary to the safety issues this road closure creates, we have never had previous issues (since acquiring the property in March 2017) with renting apartments at these locations until this road closure affected people touring the properties. We've had more than one perspective resident complain about the safety of entering/exiting Milner Road from Dixie as a reason for not leasing with us.

We have experienced both negative health/human safety and economic impacts as a result of this road closure and ask that Zayre Road be immediately reopened to through traffic to utilize the traffic signal at Trent Ave & Dixie Highway.

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