

SUGARCREEK SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

GRE SUGARCREEK SRTS 2014 FEEDWIRE—PID # 98576
Feedwire Road from Bellbrook Middle School to Eden
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Sugar creek Township
2090 Ferry Road
Bellbrook, Ohio 45305

More information about the project can be found at:
<http://www.sugarcreektownship.com/index.aspx?nid=160>

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Name: Jenness Sigmund

Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: 2770 River Bluff Dr.

Spring Valley OH 45370

Preferred Option: Option 1 (South Side) Option 2 (North Side)

Comments: _____



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Name: Greg Hauer

Organization (if any): Resident

Mailing Address: 3821 Fernwood Court
Dayton, OH 45440

Preferred Option: Option 1 (South Side) Option 2 (North Side)

Comments: Option 2 is less intrusive on the
residents of East of Eden, Eden Meadows &
Fagle Rise. A 10' sidewalk would be in
the Eden Meadows' Residents' backyards.



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Name: Julie M. Horner

Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: 3821 Fernwood Ct.
Dayton, OH 45440

Preferred Option: Option 1 (South Side) Option 2 (North Side)

Comments: _____

I would prefer option 2. By using option 1
you would ~~take~~ overtake the backyards of
those homes backing up to feed wire. You have
fewer people impacted with option 2.



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Name: Tara Sira

Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: 3470 Pine Ct Bellbrook OH 45305

Preferred Option: Option 1 (South Side) Option 2 (North Side)

Comments: my husband and I walk on the current path (on Feedwire) daily - thank you! Crossing is a bit scary with the flashing light - it needs to be longer. else, I would appreciate it if the crosswalk at the corner of Feedwire + Upper Bellbrook were repainted. We really appreciate all of the paths in the community.



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Name: Mike Pittman

Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: 3734 West Salinas Circle

Preferred Option: Option 1 (South Side) Option 2 (North Side)

Comments: _____

Great Community Asset!
- kids will use this
- Adults will use this



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Name: John Gibson

Mailing Address: 3757 W. Salinas Circle Dayton Ohio 45440

Preferred Option: Option 1 (South Side) Option 2 (North Side)

Comments: Placing the path on the north side of Feedwire Road will create a significant and long-term safety hazard. Placing the path on the south side of Feedwire will result in a "Safer Route". We cannot expect each and every child now living in or who may live in East of Eden in the future never to try to walk across Feedwire Road to reduce walking distance and time by more than half. At times, some children will be late. At other times some may want take a shortcut home to get out of the rain. It might be very dangerous and dumb for them to cut cross Feedwire Road. However, at one time or another, most kids do dumb things. They always have. They always will.



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Name: Susan Chandler.

Organization (if any): Resident

Mailing Address: 1408 Heritage Trace Ct.
Bellbrook OH. 45305

Preferred Option: Option 1 (South Side) Option 2 (North Side)

Comments: South side provides a more contiguous uniform path - safer for kids



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Name: Sandra Wright

Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: 3583 Stutsman Rd
Bellbrook Ohio 45305

Preferred Option: Option 1 (South Side) Option 2 (North Side)

Comments: _____

Option 1 is a safer way for children
to ride bikes + walk.



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Name: Kelly Stone

Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: 2570 River Bend Dr
Spring Valley OH 45370

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Comments: safer, cheaper, don't move the graves



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Name: Barbara DeLong
Organization (if any): Resident
Mailing Address: barbdelong2@gmail.com

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Comments: _____



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Name: Joshua Christopher

Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: 3738 W. Salinas Cir.
Dayton, OH 45448

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Name: Adam & Christiane Christopher

Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: 3738 W. Salinas Cir
Dayton, OH 45440

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Name: Donald Rouff

Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: 3662 E. Salinas Cir.
Sugarcreek Township OH 45440-3968

Preferred Option: Option 1 (South Side) Option 2 (North Side)

Comments: _____

I live on the south side of feed wire road near Adams Pl. Don't worry about the process of digging up those dozen graves on the north side. Those perished many decades ago. Once the ground is broken, you will discover there is nothing but decayed earth left of those who were buried. Bear in mind that at that time they only used wooden boxes.

Construction on the south side would be to the disadvantage of three property owns immediately to the east of Adams & Feedwire. As time goes on, I would not want chain link fence, streetlights and sound wall constructed to make the walk path more safe. Even though the project is paid for by Oho state funds, the money still comes out of my taxes. The whole project is an unwise expenditure. The idea of safe route to school seems to have transformed into a project to "market" the township to builders and home buyers. The safe route school will be advertise as bikeable, walkable, wheelchairable, babycarriage pushable, and worthy of jogging; "What a wonderful place to live". No matter which side of the road you construct on, the speed limit will have to be reduced. Aside from connecting the schools, this project should never have been initiated for KableMill, Adams, Eden Meadow, and beyond (on Feedwire). As time moves on you will hear more complaints from property owners whose backyards border on Feedwire. Some persons worked real hard to get this money from the state; we all know it

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Nichols, Mikayla

From: Barry Tiffany <BTiffany@sugarcreektownship.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 8:46 AM
To: Nichols, Mikayla
Subject: FW: here are the two links I posted to nextdoor

From: Carolyn Destefani [mailto:carolyn.destefani@att.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 9:58 PM
To: Barry Tiffany <BTiffany@sugarcreektownship.com>; Carolyn Destefani <CDestefani@sugarcreektownship.com>
Subject: FW: here are the two links I posted to nextdoor

Hi Barry,

FYI, Barb has now decided that she is for the bike/hike path and is now posting positive articles on our behalf:)

Carolyn L. Destefani
(937) 776-6954 (Cell)

From: Dave and Barb Laurash <blaurash@woh.rr.com>
Date: Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 5:17 AM
To: Carolyn Destefani <carolyn.destefani@att.net>
Subject: here are the two links I posted to nextdoor

Hi Carolyn...

<http://128.175.63.72/projects/DOCUMENTS/bikepathfinal.pdf>

<http://www.realtor.org/articles/walkability-and-safe-routes-to-school>

Hope these help you.

Nichols, Mikayla

From: Barry Tiffany <BTiffany@sugarcreektownship.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 8:47 AM
To: Nichols, Mikayla
Subject: FW: Comments for SRTS path alternatives
Attachments: SRTS plan critique_KieferAM_6 Mar 2016.pdf

From: Arnold Kiefer [mailto:familiakiefer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 8:14 PM
To: Barry Tiffany <BTiffany@sugarcreektownship.com>
Subject: Comments for SRTS path alternatives

Dear Mr. Tiffany,

Attached are my comments on the proposed options for the SRTS shared-use path. A printed version is being sent by mail.

Sincerely,
Arnold Kiefer

1. The Township has insufficient right-of-way for either option and does not have eminent domain authority. Property owners need to be in agreement before either plan can proceed.
2. The Township needs to develop a comprehensive plan for safe travel to school before deciding on an option.
 - a. Will traffic lights be added to allow students an opportunity to cross the street? A car already needs to wait about 2 minutes to turn left onto Feedwire from Adam's Place between 7:15 to 7:30am. Adding foot traffic at this time without a light is unwise.
 - b. Will the school zone be extended in order to decrease traffic speed during child travel times?
 - c. Will crossing-guards be employed *daily* throughout the school year for crossing Feedwire? Will these be paid or volunteer positions?
 - d. Will traffic at the Middle School entrance be redirected to reduce the traffic along Feedwire?
 - e. Can the Middle School's Carpenter Road access gate be used to alleviate traffic along Feedwire?
 - f. Is the school district willing to adjust its schedule to reduce high density traffic when people are commuting to work and to allow for the fact that children would otherwise have to travel during hours of twilight/darkness through a significant portion of the school year?
 - g. Is the police department available for traffic control, if necessary, to ensure safety?
3. The construction proposal is based on old data and does not consider future projections of traffic and housing construction.
 - a. The traffic data used in the proposal is from 2006-2009 and considers only 6 accidents in the entire area of the proposed paths.
 - b. Traffic has increased due to continuous residential construction along the Feedwire corridor. ODOT's unofficial estimate given at the meeting is ~14,000 cars per day along Feedwire.
 - c. The Sugarcreek Township Police Department has reported 142 accidents from 2010-2016 occurring just on the section of Feedwire from Soaring Heights to Upper Bellbrook.
 - d. The Township/ODOT has provided no projections of the traffic density in the next 5 to 15 years.
4. The Township claims that the southern path option is more appropriate since a majority of the children served presently live south of Feedwire.
 - a. The Township has not presented any data for the number of children already living in the area that will be served by this path to justify its construction and cost.
 - b. The Township is not considering future construction on the northern side of the road which will likely balance or exceed the number of children served on the southern side. According to one trustee, single-family homes, duplexes, or apartments are planned for the northern side.
5. The original projection for the cost of this section of the path was \$44,000. It is now >\$210,000 and will continue to grow. Is this cost justified given the few children served?
6. Trespassing will only increase if a path is constructed on either side of the road.

- a. Children already trespass on private property to access Feedwire.
 - b. Privacy fences or landscaping will be necessary to prevent or deter trespassing.
 - c. No privacy fences or dense landscaping is included in ODOT's plan.
 - d. Sugarcreek Township has ordinances on privacy fences that may be incompatible with resident needs.
7. Privacy will generally decrease for the property owners where the path is constructed. High traffic density along Feedwire already detracts from the salability of property along Feedwire.
8. What other alternatives have been considered?
- a. The north-side option is cursory at best. It does not consider going around the gravesite.
 - b. What other routes were considered?
 - c. Will future residential construction require integrated bike paths or offer better paths than the one currently proposed?
9. Based on comments made by the Administrator and a Trustee, the primary motivation for the south-side option seems to be creating a recreational path around the community, not a safe route to school.
- a. Secondary plans should not outweigh factors that contribute to the SRTS purpose.
 - b. The terrain, traffic, and insufficient right-of-way make this plan a non-starter.
 - c. Have the residents along the path been approached about this plan to determine its feasibility?
10. Has the Township made any coordination with Greene County about construction along Feedwire? What will happen to the path when Greene County widens the road again? Will the path be consumed or pushed further onto private property?
11. Will the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School district discontinue bus transportation if this path is built? Are the residents aware this could happen?
12. The Township has not taken a holistic approach to owning this path and has not addressed basic issues associated with a shared-use path.
- a. Who is responsible for maintaining the path and the grounds around them?
 - b. What is the cost for maintaining the path and where will the money come from?
 - c. Will the Township or the property owner be responsible for snow and ice removal? This path is supposed to be accessible to children throughout the school year.
 - d. Who is liable for an accident occurring on the path?
 - e. Are property owners still going to pay taxes for property they no longer have control over?
 - f. How close to the bike path can a property owner put a structure?
 - g. Will people be allowed on the path at night where there is no lighting, especially after football games or sporting events at the high school when both vehicle and foot traffic is high?
 - h. Will pets be allowed on the path? (One resident had a problem with a dog-walker who would stop on the berm so her dog was in sight of the resident's dog in the backyard. The resident's dogs would bark incessantly, causing the neighbors to call and complain.)

Nichols, Mikayla

From: Barry Tiffany <BTiffany@sugarcreektownship.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 8:43 AM
To: Nichols, Mikayla
Subject: FW: SRTS Comments
Attachments: 03-11-2016 reply SRTS project.pdf

-----Original Message-----

From: Steven Wilkerson [mailto:swilkerson@woh.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2016 2:46 PM
To: Barry Tiffany <BTiffany@sugarcreektownship.com>
Cc: Chris Casson <Chris.Casson@dot.state.oh.us>
Subject: SRTS Comments

Dear Mr. Tiffany,

Please see my comments regarding the Sugarcreek Township Safe Routes to School project in the attached (Portable Document Format (PDF) file). I appreciate and thank you for the opportunity to present my comments and concerns for this project. If you require a signed paper copy, please advise and I will provide it promptly.

Sincerely,

Steven V. Wilkerson

March 11, 2016

Mr. Steven V. Wilkerson
3672 East Salinas Circle
Sugar creek Township, Ohio 45440-3968
Lot 80, East of Eden, Section 4, L32000100130037900
Email: swilkerson@woh.rr.com
Phone: 937-602-4529

Mr. Barry P. Tiffany, Sugar creek Township Administrator
2090 Ferry Road
Sugar creek Township, Ohio 45305

Dear Mr. Tiffany,

I appreciate another opportunity to provide my comments and concerns regarding the Sugar creek Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Project. I provided comments to Mr. Chris Casson (ODT) on November 11, 2014 about my concerns regarding this project. Although essentially unchanged, I am submitting amended comments based on new information and further concerns which I heard at the February 10, 2016 Sugar creek Township meeting. I do support the objectives of SRTS though I have several important salient concerns with this project. Three to four years ago I met with Sugar creek Township/Bellbrook officials and also expressed some of my concerns and potential impacts with this project at that meeting. I do not recall any of their names; you may have even been at the meeting.

During the February 10, 2016 meeting, I understand there have been various changes to that plan. I realize I may have incomplete or even incorrect information but believe my comments and questions are still valid and pertinent for the plans. The major concern as stated in my comments is liability for private property owners as a consequence of project. ***This is the greatest concern I have as a property owner and request further meetings with the Sugar creek Township to address these concerns, before this phase of the project construction begins.*** My second and virtually same level of concern is property value. ***I also request meetings with the Sugar creek Township to address individual personal property values being directly impacted by this project.***

Attached are my concerns, comments, questions and recommendations. Attached are succinct comments about this SRTS local project. I would be happy to clarify or explain my concerns in person. I am sending this via email and will provide hard copy follow-up if needed, please advise.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to present my concerns about this project.

Sincerely,

-- SIGNED --

Steven V. Wilkerson

ATCH: SRTS Comments and Concerns
Copy to: Mr. Casson, ODT

Comments and Concerns – 03-11-2016
Steven V. Wilkerson, Property Owner
3672 East Salinas Cir, Sugarcreek Township, 45440-3968
Lot 80, East of Eden, Section 4, L32000100130037900
Project: GREENE SUGARCREEK SRTS 12 FEEDWIRE, PID 93532

This Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project causes me several concerns and prompts several questions. Potential concerns include safety, social, environmental, plant and animal, cultural and archeological, and private property issues. *Specific questions are indicated with bold italics.*

- **Safety:**

The stated purpose (as stated on the Ohio Department of Transportation SRTS web site: “**The purpose of Safe Routes to School is to encourage and enable students in grades k-8 to walk or ride their bicycle to school.**”

- Since project was studied, great increases in safety concerns
- Intent of SRTS is to provide “safer walking and bicycling conditions for our students” yet the safe conditions continue to decrease with traffic volume increases
- Significant increase in high volume high speed vehicular traffic
 - Recently opened COSTSCO and other planned businesses (Cabela’s, Kroger, etc.) at the Cornerstone of Centerville complex, Wilmington Pike/Feedwire area, are and will be drawing much higher traffic volume on Feedwire from Xenia, Beavercreek, Bellbrook, Centerville and other surrounding communities
 - Recent speed limit increase to 55MPH west of Little Sugarcreek Rd, drivers not aware of the reduced 45MPB limit in the pathway areas
 - Baseline parent surveys conducted January-June 2009 results questionable 7 years later; the Cornerstone of Centerville business district was not even announced until August 2011, thereby traffic increases and safety issues were unknown
 - Parents commented on traffic and safety concerns before additional business and other developments were known and great increase in traffic—I recall no confirmations of what businesses, etc. would be constructed at time of survey
 - I support the concept of safe school routes however I believe this high volume road portends potentially tragic events in our community
 - Even with adults monitoring traffic intersections, the potential for very young K-8 (as stated in the purpose of the SRTS projects), as well as high school students crisscrossing this busy dangerous road, traffic accidents potentially increases greatly with significantly higher traffic volume now.
 - The walk/bike path dangers increase during non-school hours with no monitors and the enticement to cross over the dangerous road
- Enticement also for young students—who the walk/bike paths are stated to be primarily for—to enter a heavily wooded area potentially leading to safety, health and criminal activities; I have seen young people in the wooded area, this project creates opportunities and may increase problems
- **Cultural, environmental, ecological, hazardous materials, concerns:**
 - In letters to home owners whose properties are directly impacted, requests comments about these items.
 - I have no factual information about potential cultural, environmental, ecological or hazardous materials
 - This begs the question, since this information has been solicited:

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- ***Why have not organizations and personnel with professional credentials conducted an environmental impact study for this project?***
- Our area is known for many different cultural and archeological sites as well as diverse plants and animals, some may be on endangered lists.
- I am only aware of a grave head stone, which might be of cultural concern, north of Feedwire and adjacent to the planned storm drain culvert extension east of Adams Place. How many internments exist is unknown, and implies Feedwire Road may have pavement over existing graves now
- I have seen and photographed a red-eyed albino squirrel in the wooded area, which may be of concern.
- The potential increase of bicyclist and walkers would increase the incidents of trash and other materials along the pathways and impact the culvert and natural drainage areas, which could cause environmental concerns like pollution.
- **Private Property, Social and Privacy concerns:**
 - The impact to private property values were discussed but only opinions were expressed at the February 10, 2016 meeting. Although very tiny increase in value ***might*** be realized generally across the community, directly impacted private homes property would be negatively affected. ***This potential reduction in my property value and its' appeal, after the landscape, property vistas, changes in maintenance requirements, safety, trespass enticement, reduction in total property lot size and personal liability—how can my property value increase?***
 - I could not find any public surveys, studies or comments addressing private property, social or privacy concerns for the directly affected property owners. I never received a survey and have lived here since mid-2003.
 - It seems there were engineering studies which considered potential Right of Way issues, funded and unfunded (I found: PID 96356, 88300 and 93532).
 - Without some type of barriers, such as berms and fences, the wooded areas along the farmers land as well as the East of Eden and Eden Meadows areas tempt people to gather and trespass onto our private properties.
 - Of concern are the above-mentioned safety related issues, but also the potential for private property damage and even fires the result of cigarette smoking in the wooded area behind my property.
 - Potential common issues for property owners:
 - Trespass: the pathways offer and attract intruding on private property as shortcuts across lawns, landscaping and driveways into our neighborhoods causing various issues.
 - Damage: using our properties as walkways affects not only vegetation but also the intentional or unintentional damage to private property—homeowners whose property does not conjoin the proposed pathways may not appreciate the damage trespass causes us; the attitude "It's their problem, not ours."
 - I am already experiencing that attitude with my property, and it is occurring before the next phase of construction has even begun.

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- This attitude has the potential of causing more social issues. I have only asked, but am ignored, when I ask those I see to not use our yard as a shortcut.
- The option of seeking legal action has much inherent community, social and other ramifications. Only as a very last resort for intentional damage is this option one I would ever want to seek. However, yielding to persistent trespass does not produce the results the objective SRTS purports.
- **Specific Concerns for My property:**
 - *I am not sure I have accurate information, help in verifying?*
 - *During discussions at the February 10, 2016 meeting, I found the present engineering plans for options 1 and 2 were insufficient to select an option. I was told the level of detail would probably be available approximately May or June 2016. Several questions I asked and heard others ask were answered with best assumptions. I understand there will be no intent to further discuss these plans during public meetings in the future. How can I or anyone select a preferred option now?*
 - I would select Option 2 since no home owners are impacted including my property, all would remain as is and unaffected by this project.
 - A preference would be to have and Option A and B without the implied Option "1" being the number one and therefore best solution de facto.
 - *There were many concerns expresses at the February 11, 2016 meeting with regard to liability. There was a great lack of specificity regarding personal liabilities as a consequence of this project and its' alternations to current private property. Many questions were not answered or assumptions were voiced as to various liability issues. This is the greatest concern I have as a property owner and request further meetings with the Sugarcreek Township to address these concerns, before this phase of the project construction begins.*
 - *Although my property has a narrow direct impact area, ramifications are associated with the culvert extension and surrounding area construction.*
 - The recent Feedwire road improvements were needed and are good; the need to increase width causes property intrusion.
 - *Does this item cause other Right of Way concerns I need to be aware of?*
 - *What are my increased care and maintenance responsibilities?*
 - *Alterations of my current property topography during discussions at the February 11, 2016 meeting indicated current thoughts would cause significant changes in ease of maintenance: slope, Right of Way (R/W) maintenance and care not present now, and loss of significant plant life. Mr. Keith Smith (ODT, Environmental Engineer) told me they can reduce the elimination of plants/trees and would be will to accompany me on my property identifying concerns and retention as is reasonable. Will I be able to request this offer when the plans are further detailed?*

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- I perceive the bike/walk path Right of Way requirements will further intrude on my property.
 - *Will the current berm be impacted in anyway?*
 - *What are my increased care and maintenance responsibilities?*
- I perceive the culvert extension will further intrude on my property incurring additional Right of Way issues.
 - Various concerns as identified above: removal of a large quantity of vegetation and mature trees to be replaced with grass eliminating my esthetically pleasing view and traffic noise reduction and increasing enticement to property intrusion.
 - There are concerns the culvert construction may alter the track of the current natural drainage causing erosion impacting not only my property but also neighbors further down water runoff path.
 - *Has this or will this concern be taken into consideration in the final planning stage?*
 - *Can the berm be extended or improved to compensate for the removal of privacy and road noise barriers?*
 - *Can a fence be constructed along the pathway similar to the farmland to discourage property intrusion and wooded area entry?*
 - *How far will this extend into my property as a perpendicular line off my current property line?*
- By converting my small triangular area into this large projected area, distinction of where my property is and the county or township area occupies is of great concern.
 - *Would you please explain the impacts and how I will be able to determine my property area and my liabilities and responsibilities verses other government responsibilities?*
- *What will the planned construction in the culvert area cause with Right of Way issues for me?*
- *Will this project, for me, result in a reduction of my property area because of intrusion therefore requiring consideration of a portion of my property being purchased by ODOT?*
- Though potentially a small parcel of my property, this project does seem to impact property value by: reducing flora/trees, significantly changing the property view, landscape, road noise buffering and causes if not encourages easy public access to my property.
 - *Would these concerns be part of the appraisal process assessing any property value and acquisition?*

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February 28, 2016

Sugarcreek Township
Administration Office
Attention: Township Administrator & Trustees
c/o: Mr. Barry Tiffany
2090 Ferry Road
Bellbrook, Ohio 45305

Dear Barry, Mike, Nadine, and Carolyn,

We hope all is well with you and the Sugarcreek Township team.

As follow-up to your request for input from the property owners impacted by the proposed next phase(s) of the Sugarcreek Township Safe Routes to School ("SRTS") project, this letter outlines our comments for your consideration.

We are in support of the spirit of the Township's SRTS project for the following reasons with the understanding that our support is contingent on the points outlined below:

Factors leading to our support of the project:

1. Although our son, currently a sophomore at BHS, will have graduated by the time this proposed path is connected to the East of Eden neighborhood, we know from personal experience that families with school age children would benefit from this pathway as it would allow students to walk to and from school (not only during normal school hours for which the bus is also available) but more practically would allow students a safe travel route to and from the Middle and High Schools in support of their pre and post school day activities (i.e. additional studies, band, clubs, and sports), which are important activities for the students in our community.
2. Currently, many families in our Township have parents who have to take time off from work and/or consistently face the challenge of making special arrangements to find alternate transportation for their child/children to travel by car to and from our schools even though many times the student is old enough to walk and the distance from home/school is manageable however, the route between home/school is not safe as it is along Feedwire Road with high speed traffic and no safe area to walk or bike.

If the option to construct the pathway along the south side of Feedwire Road is implemented, this would directly impact our property, and the property of our friends and neighbors. Therefore, our support of the project is contingent on the following factors:

1. ODOT/SRTS program funding covers all expenses related to the project, including but not limited to the engineering and construction costs.

2. Sugarcreek Township would be responsible for all ongoing expenses, including but not limited to the maintenance of the pathway and grass areas on either side of the pathway (land purchased by the Township related to this project).
3. Sugarcreek Township would assume/cover all liability for any activity on or in conjunction with the use of the pathway/land purchased for this project. Upon request, a copy of the insurance policy/certificate of coverage should be made available to the Township residents with property contiguous to the pathway.
4. Engineering diagram to be shared in advance with the impacted property owners to specifically illustrate what portion of our property would be impacted and therefore purchased by the Township.
5. Use of a commercially reasonable, and equitably administered, methodology (formula) to determine the fair market value of the land to be purchased by the Township from the impacted property owners. This methodology and an estimate of the purchase price should be provided in advance to the impacted property owners.
6. Planting of mature pine trees and/or other agreed upon landscaping along the pathway to provide natural screening between the pathway and the Township residents' property that borders the pathway.

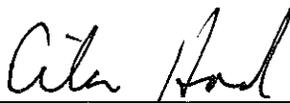
We appreciate your engaging the residents of Sugarcreek Township, and especially the impacted property owners, in this due diligence process and hope that these insights are helpful as you consider these and other facts and circumstances in the planning related to the Township's SRTS project. Please feel free to call us if you have questions or would like to discuss these issues further. We would welcome and appreciate your thoughts on the points we have outlined.

Thanks for your service to our community.

Best Regards,



Daniel Haibach



Eileen Haibach

3730 West Salinas Circle
Dayton, Ohio 45440
Home: 937-848-7363
Cell: 937-554-2078 (Dan)

SUGARCREEK
**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENTS**

GRE SUGARCREEK SRTS 2014 FEEDWIRE—PID # 98576
Feedwire Road from Bellbrook Middle School to Eden
Meadows Way / Roger Scott Drive

Comment Sheet
Sugarcreek Township Safe Routes to School Project

OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING
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Name: DANIEL & EILEEN HAIBACH

Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Preferred Option: Option 1 (South Side) Option 2 (North Side)

Comments: _____

SEE ATTACHED LETTER.

THANK YOU.



Nichols, Mikayla

From: Cara Tilford <CTilford@sugarcreektownship.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 12:30 PM
To: Nichols, Mikayla
Subject: Fwd: Safe Routes to Schools on Feedwire

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Barry Tiffany <BTiffany@sugarcreektownship.com>
Date: February 11, 2016 at 12:29:07 PM EST
To: Cara Tilford <CTilford@sugarcreektownship.com>
Subject: FW: Safe Routes to Schools on Feedwire

From: William Hard [<mailto:wlmhard@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 12:22 PM
To: Barry Tiffany <BTiffany@sugarcreektownship.com>
Cc: Tea Yankel <tea.l.yankel@gmail.com>
Subject: Safe Routes to Schools on Feedwire

Thank you for advising us of the plans for the safe routes to schools. We live in East of Eden and my preference would be to continue the path on the south side of Feedwire from the front of the Middle School to Eden Meadows Way. Keeping the path on the south side provides continuity with the existing path and will safely service Eden Meadows and East of Eden subdivisions, and to a lesser extent, Eagle Rise and Afton Woods. It would appear to me that this would be less expensive than the north side path option where family graves would have to be disturbed and an additional crossing zone(s) added for Eden Meadows and East of Eden. I do have a concern that the crossing zone for Deerfield Estates (I am assuming there will be one) near the crest of the hill on Feedwire will present a safety issue. My wife and I took a walk up to the Middle School Sunday and found it to be a bit hazardous in the current condition and would welcome the new path when it is installed.

Sincerely,
Bob Hard

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Name: McHenry

Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: 1495 Country Wood Dr.
Dayton, OH 45440

Preferred Option: Option 1 (South Side) Option 2 (North Side)

Comments: _____

* This option is most appealing to us. Makes better sense - can continue path already started and finished on south side. Many more homes with children live on south side. More important for these children to have access.

Note: We don't have children that attend Sugarcreek schools and we still think the south side is best and more preferred. Thanks! :)



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Name: MORLEY STONE

Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: 2570 River Bend Dr.

Spring Valley Off 45370

Preferred Option: Option 1 (South Side) Option 2 (North Side)

Comments: _____



Nichols, Mikayla

From: Barry Tiffany <BTiffany@sugarcreektownship.com>
Sent: Monday, February 29, 2016 9:43 AM
To: Nichols, Mikayla
Subject: FW: Pathway by East of Eden

[Here is another one.](#)

Thanks

From: shore 1918@aol.com [mailto:shore1918@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2016 10:17 PM
To: Barry Tiffany <BTiffany@sugarcreektownship.com>
Subject: Pathway by East of Eden

Hi Barry,

Bob and I vote to have the pathway on the north side of Feedwire and place a fence around the small cemetery. However, we really do not think we need a pathway on Feedwire at all, just because we are getting a grant from the State. Or is it a requirement? Also the safety of the children from exhaust fumes as well as the road being busy when the children go to school are a concern. Also would we need a guard rail if the pathway goes through?

Perhaps this is not your issue, but the turning lane in front of East of Eden is too short and is also too narrow which could cause a head on collision. Also Feedwire curves to the right as it approaches Adams Place. I would hope they would get those issues taken care of before the path would even be considered, If this is not your concern, whom should I address this to?

Thanks for all that you do for the community!

Sincerely,

Marcia Meyer
3651 E. Salinas Circle

Nichols, Mikayla

From: Nichols, Mikayla
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 10:07 AM
To: 'Cara Tilford'
Subject: RE: Sugarcreek SRTS - PID 98576

Good Morning Cara,

I apologize for the delay in this email as I was on vacation. Please see below:

ODOT

Mikayla Nichols
Keith Smith
Chris Casson
Ben Miller

Kleingers

Mark Nolt
Greg Urasek

Also, thank you for forwarding me the comments you have received. I hope all is well!

Mikayla

Mikayla Nichols, P.E.

Transportation Engineer 2
Ohio Department of Transportation
505 South SR-741
Lebanon, OH 45036
Office: (513)933-6581
Email: Mikayla.Nichols@dot.ohio.gov

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From: Cara Tilford [mailto:CTilford@sugarcreektownship.com]
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 7:56 PM
To: Nichols, Mikayla <Mikayla.Nichols@dot.ohio.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Sugarcreek SRTS - PID 98576

Can you email me a list of all Kleingers and ODOT attendees so I can provide it to Mr. Kiefer?

Thank you!

Cara

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Arnold Kiefer <familiakiefer@hotmail.com>
Date: February 12, 2016 at 7:43:26 PM EST
To: Cara Tilford <CTilford@sugarcreektownship.com>
Subject: RE: Sugarcreek SRTS - PID 98576

Dear Ms. Tilford,

I reviewed the presentation and was hoping to find the name of a gentleman from ODOT with whom I spoke for about 20 minutes. I believe his name was Bob. Do you recall his full name?

Thank you,
Arnold Kiefer

Sent from Samsung tablet.

----- Original message -----

From: Cara Tilford <CTilford@sugarcreektownship.com>
Date: 02/11/2016 18:43 (GMT-05:00)
To: Arnold Kiefer <familiakiefer@hotmail.com>
Cc: Barry Tiffany <BTiffany@sugarcreektownship.com>
Subject: Re: Sugarcreek SRTS - PID 98576

Mr. Kiefer,

I'm not in the office right now, but I did post the presentation on our website this morning. It can be accessed here: <http://www.sugarcreektownship.com/DocumentCenter/View/2303>.

Given the Open House format, I don't believe minutes of the meeting will be prepared. I will confirm with ODOT and advise. I do know that all comments received will be compiled and available for public review.

Thank you for your participation in the meeting.

Please let me know if you have questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Cara Tilford

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 11, 2016, at 5:39 PM, Arnold Kiefer <familiakiefer@hotmail.com> wrote:

Hello Ms. Tilford,

Please send me the presentation used last night as it had information of interest to me, especially the ODOT points of contact with whom I spoke. Also, please alert me when the meeting minutes are posted.

Thank you,
Arnold Kiefer

From: CTilford@sugarcreektownship.com
To: familiakiefer@hotmail.com
CC: Chris.Casson@dot.ohio.gov; BTiffany@sugarcreektownship.com
Subject: Sugarcreek SRTS - PID 98576
Date: Tue, 2 Feb 2016 20:55:39 +0000

Mr. Kiefer:

Attached please find two roll plots showing the options for the possible alignments on the East of Eden/Eden Meadows Way SRTS project. I have also attached the Alternatives Evaluation Report. Kleingers will be in attendance at the meeting on February 10th. Please let me know if you have questions or require any additional assistance.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cara Tilford, AICP

Director of Planning and Zoning

Sugarcreek Township

2090 Ferry Road

Bellbrook, Ohio 45305

Phone: 937-848-8426

Fax: 937-848-7060

Nichols, Mikayla

From: Cara Tilford <CTilford@sugarcreektownship.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 12:32 PM
To: Nichols, Mikayla
Subject: Fwd: GRE Sugarcreek SRTS 2014 Feedwire PID 98576 Comment

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Date: February 11, 2016 at 12:31:00 PM EST
To: Cara Tilford <CTilford@sugarcreektownship.com>
Subject: FW: GRE Sugarcreek SRTS 2014 Feedwire PID 98576 Comment

From: Tea Yankel [<mailto:tea.l.yankel@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 11:21 AM
To: Barry Tiffany <BTiffany@sugarcreektownship.com>
Subject: GRE Sugarcreek SRTS 2014 Feedwire PID 98576 Comment

Mr Tiffany,

I live in the East of Eden development and attended last night's open house. Even though the entrance landscape beds to my housing development will be slightly impacted and more right-of-ways need to be obtained with the south side home owners, I support Option 1: South side of Feedwire Road. I believe Option 1 is safer and provides much better continuity for the Feedwire Rd walkers, bicyclists, and joggers, due to the existing south side path across from the middle school. I also believe Option 1 will be much more cost effective due to the 14 or many more grave sites that would need to be relocated with the north side of Feedwire option. If I understood you correctly in your presentation, there is late 1800s documentation that there were or are over 20 grave sites in the cemetery. As you stated, that is a notable cost with Option 2.

Tea Yankel
3595 E Salinas Cir
Dayton OH 45440
848-2250