

RESOLUTION

R13-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, EXPRESSING THEIR STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED ROUTE OF THE SOUTH COUNTY CONNECTOR AND THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

WHEREAS, the draft environmental impact statement complete ignores vital issues regarding the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge at Hanley Road; and

WHEREAS, the cost estimates for right-of-way acquisition and construction of the South County Connector are significantly underestimated; and

WHEREAS, the draft environmental impact statement grossly understates the business relocation impact of the proposed south county route and greatly underestimates the cost of purchasing right-of-way in the Deer Creek Center; and

WHEREAS, constructing the South County Connector in the Deer Creek floodplain/floodway at an elevation that will still subject the road to periodic flooding is not the only alternative as stated in the draft environmental impact statement; and

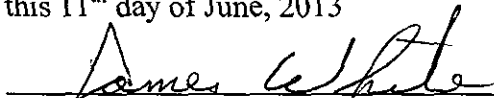
WHEREAS, the project study area is insufficient to study the full affects of the project especially in light of the fact that the project will increase traffic on Hanley Road north of the study area with a bottleneck forming at Interstate 64; and


WHEREAS, the traffic data presented in the draft environmental impact statement does not justify the building of the South County Connector; and

WHEREAS, multi-modal transportation concerns in the region are severely lacking and this project will at the very best have no meaningful effect and at the worst create massive barriers to future progress.

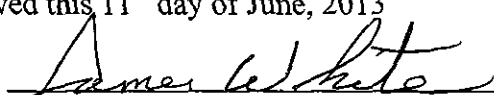
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS: The Council goes on record as unanimously opposing the proposed route of the South County Connector and believes that the draft environmental impact statement fails to meet the minimum standards for this type of document because it contains inaccurate information and omits necessary information. Therefore, the Council requests that the draft environment impact statement be rejected in its current form and revised for further public comment.


Passed this 11th day of June, 2013


James White, Mayor

Attest: 
Karen R. Scheidt, Acting City Clerk

Approved this 11th day of June, 2013


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