

PRELIMINARY REPORT

D: Birnham Woods Boulevard

APPLICANT: Community Association of Harmony

JURISDICTION: ETJ

PRECINCT: Harris County Pct. 3 /
Montgomery County Pct. 3
COUNCIL DISTRICT: N/A

PROPOSAL:

The Community Association of Harmony is requesting the deletion of proposed Major Thoroughfare Birnham Woods Boulevard, from existing Birnham Woods Boulevard to Rayford Road in the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP).

APPLICANT'S JUSTIFICATION and HISTORY:

The Community Association of Harmony is requesting the deletion of the proposed Major Thoroughfare Birnham Woods Boulevard, as the applicant states that the proposed corridor would directly impact the character of Harmony and Benders Landing Estates. The applicant states that the Harmony Community has a unique identity, and the introduction of a new corridor could disrupt the existing harmony and aesthetic appeal of the area. Additionally, the applicant states that the potential increase in traffic, noise, and congestion could adversely affect the quality of life for the residents that live along the proposed corridor.

The applicant contends that the environmental impact of the construction of the proposed Major Thoroughfare has not been adequately addressed, as the proposed corridor would bisect the Spring Creek Greenway, an uninterrupted reserve that spans over thirty miles. Moreover, the applicant states that the disruption to local ecosystems, potential loss of green spaces, and increased pollution are critical factors that must be thoroughly evaluated before proceeding with this project.

The applicant maintains that preserving the environment should be a top priority, and therefore urges the government officials to conduct a comprehensive environmental impact assessment in the area before construction of the proposed corridor. The applicant asserts further that the current infrastructure on the existing Major Thoroughfare may not be equipped to handle the increased traffic of an additional corridor.

According to the applicant, without proper upgrades to existing infrastructure in the vicinity of the proposed corridor, construction of the proposed Major Thoroughfare could lead to traffic bottlenecks, safety concerns, and an overall decline in the efficiency of the transportation network.

The applicant states that he understands that progress is necessary. However, the applicant maintains that there should be a balance between development and preservation of the unique character of the Harmony Community, as environmental sustainability must be the primary concern.

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