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To: Common Council Members

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Regarding: Pleasant View Road (Agenda Item 26)

Pleasant View Road geometry came before the Transportation Commission on October 24, 2018 and November 28, 2018. The geometry was approved at the November 28 meeting on a voice vote. Items of discussion brought up by commission at both meetings include the following:

### Safety:

- The current speed limit is 35 mph, the design speed will continue to be 35 mph. The speed limit could be lowered in the future if conditions warrant.
- A wide shoulder is being proposed which can also accommodate cyclists. Because of restrictions posed by Act 59, there is no assurance that the shared use path can be extended the length of the corridor.
- There will be a painted line designating the travel lane from the shoulder, which can separate line between vehicles and bicycles.
- The 21-foot wide median provides 18 feet from back of curb to back of curb. It is being proposed to provide landscaping and to allow a 7-foot pedestrian refuge when combined with a left turn lane at intersections.

### Planning:

- Pleasant View Road is designed to be an arterial, which will compliment/relieve some of the current functions and volumes on Junction Road.
- Pleasant View Road 2038 traffic volume projections range from 16,000 to 19,600 vpd. As a comparison, Sherman Road volumes are currently 11,000 vpd. Junction Road traffic volumes are about 15,000 vpd.
- For traffic projections, zoning issues, condemnation laws and environmental impacts, how development is considered may best be determined by Transportation Policy and Planning Board.