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Subject: Hilldale Target Project

My husband and I are residents of Weston Place, 625 N. Segoe Rd. next to the proposed Target development site.

While we are generally happy to have Target as a neighbor, and with their plans for the actual building, we have concerns regarding traffic patterns and pedestrian crossings in the area, and a question.

First, the proposal, as we now understand it, calls for delivery trucks to turn out on to Frey from 4:00 A.M. to Midnight seven days a week. This in addition to the cars traveling up and down Frey from and to the Target parking lot.

Not only will these trucks disrupt the lives of our community (currently 79 residents) due to noise and fumes, but also, given the grade from Hilldale Way to Segoe Road (50 ft elevation) and the width of Frey, cause a traffic problem. Especially in the winter when Frey becomes an icy patch that cars frequently slide back down on, and truck noise would increase exponentially to gear up the grade.

As an alternative, we would like to suggest that delivery trucks make a right turn off of University into the Target area and a right turn back out onto University as they depart. Then right on Midvale to the Beltline, or as an alternative, two right turns at Vernon and Segoe Rd., then west on University to the Beltline. This traffic pattern would involve a little extra travel for the trucks, but Midvale, Segoe and University are current truck routes.

Second, as frequent pedestrians in this area and watching pedestrians form our condo, we have grave concerns about pedestrian safety as the plan is now laid out. To think that cars going west on University can turn safely left into the Hilldale parking lot without a light is in itself a prescription for accidents, but for pedestrians it will become a nightmare to try to cross the "porkchop" (University at Hilldale Way), as well as University.

The solution that we prefer is a pedestrian overhead on University and a left turn lane and light at the "porkchop". It also seems inevitable that Frey and Segoe Rd. will need a light and pedestrian cross-walk in the near future.

Lastly, we are wondering what will happen to the parking lot/"park" that is directly to the East of our building (Frey and Sawyer Terrace). We understand this will still be owned by Freed and Associates and that an agreement had been in place with the city to make this a small public park once they had developed the original Whole Foods site. Now, as a Freed associate is telling us, it will be turned into a parking lot and eventually some another building site. Can they violate their original agreement with the city because they will have sold the larger property to Target?

We will be happy to hear from you regarding this question and also any other responses you may have to this letter. We anxiously await the first public hearings on these subjects.

Thank you for your time.

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