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Subject Fw: Interchange at I-40 & Bryan, Shawnee OK



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Subject Interchange at I-40 & Bryan, Shawnee OK

ODOT Officials,

Since I won't be able to make the August 5 meeting I thought I would express my views on the possibility of adding an interchange at above proposed location. While reading the article at first I thought the idea was convenient especially since my husband and I both commute to OKC and prefer to drive up Bryan Street (to avoid stop and go traffic) and then head West on 45th to access the onramp near the Shawnee Mall.

However, as I contemplated the "convenience" vs. the real need and possible problems this could cause I had to take pause and change my opinion. As a board member of the Grove School district and also a homeowner in this district, I have a real concern about student safety and traffic. If there were an on-ramp at the proposed location there would not only be an increase in traffic but also in the speed of this traffic traveling past Grove School which is a K-8th school that is constantly growing in size and student population. It has been a very tedious process to even get the city to install school safety signals on MacArthur and Bryan Streets around the school. Not only that, there is a vast majority of residential areas that don't need or want speeding motorists traveling by. I strongly believe that ODOT should spend its limited resources on more important and needed projects especially since bridges and roads are in such a state of disrepair in Oklahoma. It is my hope that vested landowners with economic commercial visions will not get their way on this project. I believe even the Governor owns property along Bryan Street and hope in my idealistic heart that this has nothing to do with it. It is my fear that Shawnee political figures with school consolidation ideology are promoting and behind this plan. ODOT should not be involved in political and community economic development as a prime motivator. So why ARE you interested in this project? I for one would like to know. I just cannot fathom why you would be interested in installing this interchange when most people accessing the highway are going to be traveling West and there is an on-ramp already near enough. Please use my tax dollars and those of my like-minded fellow citizens of Shawnee in a more responsible manner and scrap this whole idea...

Thank you for your consideration,

Bonnie Boone, D.V.M. and President of the Grove School Board of Education.