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Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 11:49 AM

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Subject: No Truck Stop at Wilmeth

I hope you all will not approve having a truck stop at Wilmeth Rd. exit. We need to bring commercial retail development to McKinney, not bring in truckers and all the congestion that a truck stop can bring. There are two truck stops right up the road in Anna so why would there be a need for another one in McKinney? Traffic gets backed up enough at 75@380, so adding this at Wilmeth will just add to the problem. And as a parent, the fact that there are several schools so close by makes me a little nervous for the children's safety. I am not sure if you have followed the comments that I have seen on various Facebook posts, but most all of them lean towards the negative – this should give you all a good indication of how unpopular this decision would be. Please do not let this happen to our community.

I look at this and think do I want to have this just up the street? I got 206,000 hits when searching on a popular search engine for “truck stop crime.”

http://www.nwitimes.com/news/state-and-regional/article_d3459b75-25c3-5191-aa97-86283cbeb825.html

I think the negative greatly outweighs the positive aspects and I hope you all do the right thing by not allowing this truck stop to be built.

Thanks,

David McGill

From: Regan Moore
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 10:23 AM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: Email against QT's weigh station plans

I am a concerned citizen, homeowner and parent emailing to voice my opposition to QT's plan of placing a weigh-station at the corner of Wilmeth and 75. I'm already less than thrilled about the fuel station. The noise this will bring and the obvious decrease in my property value as there is nothing "Unique by Nature" about nosiy trucks and diesel fumes. That being said, there is a much more important issue here. The thought of adding a weigh station is just down right scary. There are four schools within about a mile of this proposed weigh-station, FOUR! Vega Elementary, Press Elementary, Scott Johnson Middle School and McKinney North High School. According to McKinney ISD, the enrollment in these schools totals 3,644 students. That is 3,644 students traveling to school each morning and 3,644 students returning home each afternoon. The increased risk for our children as they travel to and from school is way too high. Our own school officials are saying our kids are at risk and that the increase in traffic "...would greatly impact this safe transport." It is not easy for the best of drivers to keep up with the constant road changes and construction re-routing that will continue for several more years. Add out-of-town 18-wheelers and teenage drives to the confusion and that is a recipe for disaster.

Make the right choice. This decision also sets the tone for what the northern part of McKinney will be. Are truck-stops and weigh-stations the vision for the future growth of our city? It's not mine.

Thank you,
Regan Moore

From: John Sheridan
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 10:40 AM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: Quik Trip Weigh Station
Importance: High

My name is John Sheridan and I recently bought a home in the Timber Creek sub division. It was recently brought to my attention that a gas station/weigh station is being considered fro the corner of I-75 and Wilmeth. I am opposed to haveing this type of establishment located so close to our neighborhood. This would bring additional traffic and heavy trucks too close to our neighborhood and the nearby schools. I don't think the benefits out weigh the negatives. If this were to be put to a vote I am sure it would be turned down. It would be appreciated anything that can be done to preclude building this station. Thank you for your kind consideration.

John R. Sheridan

From: Aleen & Bob
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 10:04 AM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: weigh station (75 and Wilmeth)

As a concerned citizen in McKinney, we are very against the Quik stop weigh station on Hwy 75 and Wilmeth. Please give this serious consideration.
sincerely, Aleen and Bob Grimes

From: Paula Sigler
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 6:36 PM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: Weigh station

Hi Mr. Opiela,
I want to object to the weigh station.
I have teens that go to school and will be learning to drive. I don't like the idea of the big semi trucks that close to the school one for safety reasons and two because of traffic and getting our kids to school and what about the buses getting out to pick up kids. There is plenty of room for the sort of station on 75 north there isn't anything.
We are in the middle of town and that is no place for a weigh station.
Please don't let them do this.
Thank you,
Paula Sigler

Sent from my iPod

From: Teresa Dempsey
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 4:18 PM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: RE: 75 & Wilmeth

I think that was a bad decision on part of the city. McKinney wants to be known as a green, inviting place. Adding more gas stations to areas that are already green and inviting does not convey that image. Surely, there are businesses that are more appealing that just another gas station want to come to McKinney.

Teresa Dempsey

From: Brandon Opiela [mailto:bopiela@mckinneytexas.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 4:13 PM
To: Teresa Dempsey
Subject: RE: 75 & Wilmeth

Teresa,

I just wanted to let you know I have received your email and will place this in the packet of materials that goes to City Council for the public hearing on 4/3. As a point of clarification, the hearing on 4/3 is to rezone the property to add an additional weigh station use to the site. Right now, QuikTrip has approval of a site plan for a fueling station and convenience store that can fuel both automobiles and semi-trailer trucks. City Staff is recommending denial of the request to add the weigh station to the site. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

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From: Teresa Dempsey
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 4:10 PM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: 75 & Wilmeth

I have heard that a gas station is wanting to build at this intersection. I hope this is not the case. This is a very busy intersection during school times with all of the buses parked near there and two schools so close. Also, there is all of the traffic from the industrial park side of 75 that passes through this intersection.

I think that it could be very dangerous to have a massive amount of strangers stopping so close to the schools. There is also a church school for preschoolers almost on the intersection.

I think it would make more sense to have all of this traffic at 380, Virginia or El Dorado where there are few homes and no schools.

Teresa Dempsey

From: Michael Moore
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 2:24 PM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: Q.T. Truck Stop at Wilmeth and

I am writing to inform you that I am strongly opposed to at Truck Stop / Weigh Station at the corner of Wilmeth and HWY 75 in McKinney, TX.

Michael Moore

From: Mark McReynolds
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 1:40 PM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: Weigh station at Wilmeth and 75

Brandon,

I was told to e-mail you regarding my concerns about the proposed weigh station at Wilmeth and 75. I am sending a copy of the e-mail that I've already sent to Don Day earlier this afternoon.

I understand through the grapevine that P&Z has supported the zoning of the NE intersection of Wilmeth Road and Central Expressway for a truck stop weigh station. I'm not sure at what stage of design the developers of that property are at but as a resident of McKinney living within the district that you [Don Day] serve I would like to submit my objection to such an undertaking at that location.

To allow truck stop to be built at that location is as unreasonable as putting one at the intersection of McDonald and Louisiana. Not only is there a college with upwards of 4,000 students within a mile of the site but there is also North High School with its 1,600 students and Johnson Middle School with its 900 students. Vega and Press Elementary schools are also within a close proximity to that intersection. I live in Timber Creek with 230 other home owners; there must be several hundred homes within the Creek Hollow, President's Pointe and the High Point communities and I'm certain that the vast majority of families, if not all of them, would have a strong opposition to such an endeavor this close to our homes.

Logically, does one of the fastest growing cities in the nation need a truck stop literally in the center of it? For the life of me I can't think of where a truck stop might be right in downtown Dallas or Ft. Worth. No truck stops in Plano, Richardson or Allen for that matter. I lived in Atlanta for many years and fail to recall any truck stops on Peachtree Street. There's one in Melissa but it was there for years before residential growth surrounded it.

In short having a truck stop in this area of McKinney would be an enormous mistake. I would like to know when the city council is supposed to vote on this agenda item. I've tried calling the telephone number listed for you on the city's website but it rang without end. My concern is not only for the well being and safety of my children and the neighboring community but for the unnecessary increase in traffic and congestion of this particular type so close to my home. I also believe that it will hurt the existing value of my home.

Please don't be surprised if you begin hearing from more of my neighbors who are in opposition to a truck stop. I will be forwarding your e-mail address and telephone number advertised on the city's website to them for their convenience and will also find other home owners who will go door-to-door handing out leaflets explaining what's been proposed and that you, as our council member, are the person to reach out to with their concerns.

Thank You,
Mark McReynolds

From: Sheryl Koppa
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 11:56 AM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: Quicktrip Truckstop @ 75 & Wilmeth - opposed!

I was like to state my opinion on the Quiktrip Truckstop @ 75 & Wilmeth. I am totally opposed for this at this location. There are many young drivers that cross that area every day going to and from school. With a busy truckstop/weight station in that area, I believe it will become a very dangerous intersection.

Thank you.

Sheryl Koppa

From: Betty Pickard
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 11:12 AM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: Weight station

I live in McKinney and my kids are grown and I do not agree with putting a weight station there. It belongs out of city limits. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Melissa Bishop
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 10:13 AM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: NO truck stop at 75 and Wilmeth

Hi Brandon

I am writing to share my concern over the possible truck stop being built at 75 and Wilmeth. Truck stops will bring unsavory characters into our neighborhoods and we don't want that. We built our home in a nice and quiet area for a reason.

There are 2 elementaries, 1 middle school and 1 high school that are close by. The truck stop would attract pedophiles that have a waiting area they didn't have before. In addition, this truck stop would increase traffic in an already bad traffic area.

Housing values have already taken a huge hit. When we bought our house it was valued at \$235K, now I am lucky to get it appraised for \$200K. Building a truck stop at the corner would only bring that value down even further. My finances can't handle that.

This truck stop is a HORRIBLE idea on so many levels. I plan on attending the council meeting on April 3rd along with many other folks. There is plenty of untapped land this can be built on, it doesn't need to be in my back yard.

Thank you
Melissa Bishop

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 9:41 AM

To: Brandon Opiela

Subject: Weigh station Opposition Letter

To whom it may concern,

I would like it on record that I am highly opposed to the proposed truck stop and weigh station at 75 and Wilmeth. This would cause unnecessary increase in traffic hazards at an already busy intersection. There are a large amount of school buses that use this as a primary route and the increase of trucks traveling this route will only increase the risk of accidents. Our first priority should be our kids. Even a slight elevation of the risk factor would be setting aside our duties to protect them at all cost.

Thank you,

Shamira Lawrence

Sent from my Samsung smartphone on AT&T

From: Kary Hutto
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 5:34 PM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: Quik-trip

As a concerned citizen I would like to put in my vote AGAINST the Quik-trip wigh station proposal. It will already be bad enough to have the Quik-trip, but having the weigh station, too, will make it an eye-sore, a danger with traffic increase with the trucks coming and going, and hazardous to all children who travel, walk or ride to schools via this exit.

Thank you, Kary Jane Hutto- Timbercreek Neighborhood

From: Jared and Wendy Schreher
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 5:10 PM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: Proposed Weigh Station at Wilmeth/ 75

Dear Mr. Opiela,

I am a McKinney resident living very close to the proposed area. I am emailing to voice my concern regarding the proposed weigh station at Wilmeth/ 75. I am very much opposed to this being located at the proposed site. This intersection is so heavily traveled by school buses that transport our children every day to and from school. I am also concerned with the fact that all the 18-wheelers will cause dangerous back-ups along the access road and that intersection. Before the construction started at this intersection it was already hard enough to merge into traffic with all the increased traffic from the Collin County Court House and the other county buildings just north of this intersection. Traveling these roads to and from the surrounding schools will become even more of a hindrance with the added traffic from a weigh station.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Wendy Schreher

From: Jennifer Antosca
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 9:04 PM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: Quik Trip Weigh Station

Good evening! My name is Jennifer Antosca and I own a home in the Timber Creek subdivision in McKinney. My husband and I have four children...2 of which attend Naomi Press Elementary. It was recently brought to our attention that a gas station/weigh station is in consideration for the corner of I-75 and Wilmeth.

Currently our children ride the school bus to and from school and their bus crosses directly over I-75 just, about 1/2 mile (if even that far) away from the proposed gas station/weigh station location. We, along with many other families in our situation, are completely opposed to this weigh station! The thought of additional semi-trucks on the roads in that close proximity to our children's school is just horrifying! We have already fought to have a school built in our neighborhood so our children didn't have to cross over such a busy highway, but now to add additional traffic (ie tractor trailers) on the same roads as our kids school buses, seems completely absurd!

And another concern should be the amount of new teenage drivers attending McKinney North High School. These young kids are just learning to drive and just getting drivers licenses and now it is being proposed that they share the same routes to/from school each and every single day as truck drivers!?! Not to mention the amount of kids that walk to/from school each day.

I think that if the city truly thinks about the decision at hand, the obvious decision would be to reject the current proposal for Quik Trip to build a gas station/weigh station as well as additional signage! Any person who cares about the future of our city and our environment would come to the same conclusion...especially when Quik Trip can move this proposal a few miles north to Melissa or Anna.

I am completely opposed to the proposal at hand. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Antosca

From: Jalynn Mitchell
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 4:49 PM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: Quik Trip at 75 & Wilmeth

To whom it may concern:

I have heard that the original plan was for Quik-Trip to come in and build a rest stop on that corner, however p/city ordinances this was not allowed. So they then turned it into a gas station (no long term parking for tractor trailers) and that was approved. Now at the next meeting, Quik-Trip is trying to get a weigh-station approved as well as larger signage for their "gas station".

I know I don't need to explain the high risk this would create to all of the children in the neighborhood who cross directly over I-75 to get to/from school on a daily basis or the other buses that also travel near this intersection. The amount of traffic this could potentially cause is seriously ridiculous and for Quik Trip to even propose this is just outrageous...at least in my opinion!

This is NOT something we want around our schools or neighborhoods. The traffic at this intersection is already growing at a steady rate, that we anticipate the current construction will help with. But the add the kind of volume to it that Quik-Trip is proposing is just uncalled for.

I plan on being at the meeting on April 3 to let the city know that this is NOT acceptable.

Sincerely,
Jalynn Mitchell

From:
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 4:14 PM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: Quick Trip truck stop

Dear Brandon,

I am writing to you as a concern McKinney resident in reference to the proposal of the Quick Trip truck stop. Not only will this establishment hurt the already suffering home values, but it will also bring in massive truck traffic, as well as individuals who have no busy being near our children and schools. The potential risk of pedophiles coming in contact with children is inexcusable. The truck stop also raises the issue of potential drug trafficking and drug sales to the youth of our community, not to mention prostitution.

Instead of a truck stop/gas station, one would think McKinney would like to make the community a better place and add a nice grocery store and nice stores, like what Fairfield and Fairview have done. We are sending all of the McKinney business that way!

Thank you for listening to my email and please share with the mayor and council. The city of McKinney is missing out on opportunities to promote growth, while cities like Allen and Fairview are capitalizing! Adding a truck stop will definitely hurt growth. It will only bring filth and sleaze and drive residents out of McKinney and to a safer city.

Thank you!

Kim Filippo

Timber Creek Resident

From: Danna Demma
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 4:01 PM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: Timber Creek Resident

Hi I am a Timber Creek homeowner and object to the Quick Trip Gas Station going in on the corner of Wilmeth and 75! We have schools here there are plenty of gas stations just one more exit on 380! Please don't this this happen

**Thank you
Danna Demma**

From: simri Davis
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 3:40 PM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: Quick Trip Weigh Station

Hi Brandon.

Thank you for accepting our emails in opposition to the proposed weigh station. As a resident of Timber Creek neighborhood, Wilmeth and 75 is my means of accessing home. Right now, we are currently unable to do so because of construction. I would hate to have to face the traffic and danger of large trucks using this exit regularly once it is open again, in order to access a truck stop/weigh station.

Before the current construction, yielding was already a dangerous sport. Unclear (or ignored) signage led to very few people yielding and many folks coming too close. Throw in semis and its a mess waiting to happen.

When you include the growing commercial area just south of Wilmeth and the three schools within a stones throw, I believe it is in the best interest of the city to keep this weigh station from happening.

The children in our neighborhood already have to cross 75 twice a day to attend school. After waiting a few years for direct access to our school with the completion of Bloomdale (thank you!), it bothers me that an already congested drive would be compounded by the addition of many large trucks.

Please deny this weigh station. As a resident of McKinney for over ten years and a person who loves this town, I feel very strongly that this is not in the best interest of an intersection that is already very busy with the district school buses and thousands of MISD students and parents.

Thank you,
Simri Davis

From: Judy Megaffin
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 3:42 PM
To: Brandon Opiela
Cc: 'Jennifer Antosca'
Subject: Quick Trip at Wilmeth and 75

Mr. Opiela,

I am a teacher at Press Elementary in McKinney, TX. Our elementary school is located approximately 1 mile north of the Wilmeth and I-75 intersection. It has been brought to my attention that Quick Trip is proposing to build a facility at that same intersection which would bring a lot of traffic, including Semi trucks and trailers, to the area. This could potentially be a hazard to our elementary students, as well as the middle school and high school students, due to the high amount of traffic the facility would bring. I would like you to consider denying the weigh station permit to Quick Trip at this location. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Mrs. Judy Megaffin
Press Elementary
469-742-7647
jmegaffin@mckinneyisd.net

From: Amy Daniel
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 2:55 PM
To: Brandon Opiela
Subject: QT with weigh station at 75/Wilmeth

Hello-

My name is Amy Daniel and I live in the Timber Creek neighborhood on Wilmeth and Hardin. I have lived in McKinney for over 20 years and have watched this city grow. I have heard of the proposal to put in a QT with a weigh station at the corner of 75/Wilmeth. I am writing to let you know that I **highly oppose** this proposal. My children have to ride a bus to get to their elementary school (Naomi Press), which is on the East side of 75. They travel Wilmeth, Community, Bloomdale, and the frontage road on a daily basis. The thought of having hundreds of tractor trailers traveling those same roads, on top of the already congested traffic in this area, horrifies me. How many of these semi's will start traveling Hardin or Community in order to skip the intersection of 380/75? This puts ALL of our citizens, not just children and buses, at a higher risk for accidents. The CITY OF MCKINNEY will be ultimately responsible if they allow this to pass.

Along with the added traffic comes added crime. I am a dispatcher for McKinney 911, and I see on a daily basis the crimes that are committed at gas stations. By approving this station, you will be giving impressionable young students who might walk there from the high school and middle school the opportunity to engage in these activities or be innocent bystanders and caught up in something they had no choice in. I would sincerely hope that the activity at the truck stop in Anna has been looked into and taken into consideration. There is a reason we have not allowed this in our city thus far.

I understand the need for growing businesses in our city, but seeing as how McKinney is already one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, I don't see the overall benefit in approving this station. The risk to our citizens, the increased traffic and crime, not to mention more large signs in our skyline are certainly not what I dreamed of when making my home in this city. If McKinney is "Unique by Nature", let's stand by our motto and keep it that way!

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Amy Daniel