From: Robin Russell
To: Scott Greenberg; Robin Proebsting
Subject: Letter to the editor re NO to re-striping and NO to MICA
Date: Monday, June 5, 2017 8:11:33 AM

Sent this to the MIR and am forwarding to you along with a response from Wendy. Thank you,

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Hi Robin,
MICA parking was not discussed as part of the i-90 tentative agreement. In my mind any parking and street configuration changes to 77th must be to assist with traffic flow and MI resident access to transit and enjoying our town center businesses. I think 77th streetchange discussions and decisions will take awhile since we don't know what the traffic patterns will be yet.

Thanks for your email. I appreciate the reminder that clarity, consistency, and transparency matter.

Regards,
Wendy

-------- Original message --------
From: Robin Russell <scubarobin@msn.com>
Date: 6/3/17 6:50 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Council Mailbox <council@mercergov.org>
Subject: NO to Re-striping 77th and NO to MICA

Dear City Council:

I submitted this letter to the MIR and posted it on ND. Now I have been hearing that ST settlement funds will be used to re-stripe 77th!!! I certainly hope this is just a rumor. PLEASE do not change anything around Mercerdale Park. MICA should provide its own parking as every other building is required to do AND MICA should be required to build within the original footprint of the land it was gifted including required fire lanes. Furthermore why a local theater needs a bar and cafe is beyond ridiculous. Look at the (very successful) Village Theatre. You can buy water and a cookie from a card table. Wrong time and definitely the wrong place for MICA-especially with the closure of the middle bridge lanes and ST3.

Thank you,

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CITY PAYS FOR MICA PARKING

The facts from MICA's website:"The site (MICA) will support ADA compliant parking for disabled and drop off. Street parking will be created by restriping 77th Avenue SE and SE 32nd Street. MICA is in close conversation with local businesses and others about shared after-hours parking."

1. The ADA compliant parking will take away 4 regular parking spots on the city street (SE 32nd Street) that are currently used by park goers.

2. Re-striping 77th Avenue was NEVER budgeted or planned for MICA and in fact was taken out of the City budget because the City did not have the funds to pay for this. Then when MICA needed parking and didn't want to provide it the City suddenly found the funds and snuck it back into the budget. Dan Thompson found it when reviewing the new design reg's. Now MICA uses the taxpayer funded re-striping in all of their marketing materials as one of "their" solutions to parking (City/taxpayer funded parking) for a private business who has not providing ONE parking space in their plans. With the new commuter nightmare re-striping does not make any sense. Narrowing 77th (taking out the middle turn lane and bike lane) to provide parking for MICA while impacting the island's growing traffic issues is irresponsible and sneaky by the City Council; especially at the same time when MI traffic will be re-routed to surface streets due to ST3. City resources should be used for City uses-/not to benefit a private enterprise (which is already getting the land for free) at the expense of the commuters, bikers and businesses that use this road.

3. Not ONE nearby business or "others" has agreed to provide "shared" after hours parking. Logically, MICA patrons will park in nearby parking lots anyway (Rite Aid, Swedish Clinic, Thrift Store, etc.) thereby limiting the use of these lots by legitimate customers.

MICA has not provided any parking solution. Doesn't sound very community minded and their proposed (and changing) plan's continue to negatively impact our precious Mercerdale Park and surrounding area.

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