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Re: Formation of "The Western Hills Viaduct Coalition"

Ms. Ziegler,

The Western Hills Viaduct, a critical connector over which 55,000 cars a day travel, continues to suffer from physical and political neglect. Recent news reports highlighted the ever-increasing danger it presents. While Hamilton County Commissioners on November 29, 2017 voted to proceed with a license fee aimed at meeting the County's funding obligations, truth is that funding by federal, city, and private parties must still be secured, and the difficult tasks involved in designing and building a replacement viaduct remain far from resolved.

Organizations, institutions, and community groups united in demanding action on the crumbling viaduct from elected officials and others stand the greatest chance of success when acting with one voice. That is why Westwood Civic Association on November 21, 2017 approved a motion to create The Western Hills Viaduct Coalition.

The Western Hills Viaduct Coalition will act as a unified voice on behalf of all member organizations, institutions, businesses, and residents, serve as a central point of contact and information, continue to apply public pressure on parties to quickly resolve funding gaps, ensure attendance at critical meetings, make sure community concerns are heard, encourage dialogue with lawmakers, and other activities related to seeing real and substantive progress on the Viaduct. We are encouraging representatives from at least the ten Cincinnati neighborhoods west of the viaduct, seven neighborhoods immediately east of the viaduct, the City of Cheviot, Green Township, and Delhi Township to join together in a collaborative effort to see that action is taken as quickly as possible to replace the aging and dangerous viaduct.

We invite you or an official representative of your organization, institution, or group interested in finding out more about the Coalition, its goals, framework, and schedule, to come to a meeting on February 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Westwood Town Hall, 3017 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45211. Any questions ahead of the meeting can be directed to Henry Frondorf or Thomas Sauter, the initial organizers of the Western Hills Viaduct Coalition.

Respectfully,

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