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Dear North Mendota Parkway Implementation (NMP) Implementation Oversight Committee Members:

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- 1. The Middleton/Westport Joint Committee has been actively planning for this area since 1997.** The Town and City have an adopted plan for the joint area which has the NMP located north of the Dorn/Spring Creek corridor. During the past nine (9) years since the plan was approved, the Joint Committee has reviewed several development proposals for this area, the most recent of which received concept approval from the Joint Committee in February of this year. Placing the NMP south of the Dorn/Spring Creek corridor would completely disrupt the neighborhood plan for the area.
- 2. Consistency with Town and City adopted Comprehensive Plans.** The Town Comprehensive Plan includes the route going north of the Dorn Creek corridor. This plan was approved unanimously by the Town Plan Commission and Town Board in 2004 and also unanimously at the County Board level. The City of Middleton's 2006 Comprehensive Plan shows a collector road (Bel Fontaine) in the area of Balzer and Oncken Rds.
- 3. Maintain Local Road Corridor.** Oncken Road is an important connecting road for the Town. The Board has indicated they do not want to lose that corridor or put a regional road in that area that will impact the local road or the people who live along it. The County Trunk Highway corridor north of Dorn Creek is better suited to move regional traffic.

The Middleton/Westport Joint Zoning Committee respects and appreciates the work of the NMP IOC, and we request that you respect the work and planning efforts of the Joint Committee for an area that is very important to both the Town and the City.

Sincerely,

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