
From: leeds-united -pedestrians
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2011 8:32 AM
To: raris@baltometro.org; comments@baltometro.org; dkehinde@sha.state.md.us
Subject: Leeds United Pedestrians Speak, LOUDLY

Dear Ms. Kehinde and Ms. Aris,
I have reviewed your presentation from May 16, 2011 regarding Arbutus, Maryland. Was this a public meeting? Where was it held? I respectfully request that we are informed of all meetings regarding Leeds Avenue.

So that we have perfectly clarity between us, we have started public actions related to the situation on our street. You have no power over our constitutional right to public speech or to gather. We will do both. We also have the RIGHT to "health and safety..." related to right of way, eminent domain, public use, violations of eminent domain. -Oh, isn't that a can of worms...

It makes newsworthy news, doesn't it?

Our very free speech will include our website (including photos of the unbelievable conditions, video interviews with residents and decades of incident reports), a blog, porch banners and tee shirts. We have rights. We are exercising them.

Enjoy our website! I have just started it, but there will be more. I featured a lovely photo of an ambulance getting t-boned on our street. -Leeds Avenue, where we were told we are not eligible for pedestrian safety because we are a collector road designated for emergency vehicles. See how well the emergency vehicles do on our street?

Signed,
Melinda Adamz
on behalf of
We the People of Leeds Avenue
www.leeds-united-pedestrians.com

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*Where the sidewalk ended, long ago.
And the pedestrians live in danger.
Leeds Avenue, Baltimore County, Maryland.*

From: Melinda Adamz
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 7:52 AM
To: raris@baltometro.org; dkehinde@sha.state.md.us; tlang@baltometro.org; ehines@baltimorecountymd.gov; mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org; Peter Kriscumas; kevinkamenetz@baltimorecountymd.gov
Cc: James Delegate (Laptop) Malone; James Moore; etombs@sha.state.md.us
Subject: Location of meeting on June 28 regarding Leeds Avenue

Officials,

Since I was informed at 1:46 last Thursday that you would take comments from residents until today regarding this meeting and vote, leaving very little time to communicate this to the neighborhood, I DEMAND TO KNOW the location of the meeting.

Further, I want to know how to get on the agenda for comments and how to be included as part of the meeting with visual documentation of the conditions on our street. You should also know that this week, we will be sending a letter to the OBAMA administration. They read one letter per week and I believe I have a really good chance of getting ours read.

I printed and delivered 500 flyers yesterday. You can look forward to a range of people at this now UN-secret meeting of yours. And, I promise there will be media. They love residents with matching tee shirts.

Warmest regards,

Homeowner, taxpayer, disabled person,

Melinda Adamz

From: michele rosenberg
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:33 AM
To: stevelauria@hotmail.com
Cc: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org; asweatman@; ajpietrolungo@;
barbarahuston@ ; bwiseman84@ ; brandonjeron63@
bryana@ ; chang87@ ; daveedawhite@ ; ez_matthews@ ;
ellenmoyer@; augustus.williamson@; jcm53166@ ;
jane.dembner@ ; jeberhard2@; kevinracine@
msla_64@ ; myates2@; myyates@; riesner1@ ;
mnechrebecki@ ; pwduvall@ ; rmullan@ ; sconner@ ;
sstainman@ ; trevhawk@ ; raris@baltometro.org; tlang@baltometro.org;
tfreeland@baltometro.org
Subject: Re: June CAC meeting next Wednesday, June 1st

As part of the public involvement process I want to be assured that communities that are close/adjacent to projects described both in Amendment 61-0605-41 Md. 175, Md. 295 and Md. 170 and Amendments 63-0601-41 I-695, I-95, Md. 122 have specifically been contacted through announcements sent to neighborhood community associations and to elected officials who represent the area.

Michele Rosenberg

From: donald schaefer
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 8:17 PM
To: comments@baltometro.org
Subject: I-695 :SW BLvd ramp to 695 over Leeds Ave

I would like to weigh in on the leeds ave overpass for a ramp from SW Blvd to 695. PLEASE DO IT! this is long over due. the neighborhood is choked with the pass through commuter traffic. The stalled flow of traffic, backup at the several signals, dangerous for the pedestrian caused by this migration through Arbutus from the mostly commuter traffic needs to end. The only concern anyone has is for a veterenarian practice. Buy them a nother hosue or store somewhere in the community and let the citizens of Arbutus regain their town.

Respectfully,

Donald Schaefer

From: Wayne and Gail Wright
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 2:14 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: New ramp in Arbutus

In response to the proposed project to de-congest our little town I have a large concern. I currently go to the Arbutus Vet. Hospital on Leeds Ave.

My understanding is that this facility will be removed to allow room for the new ramp. If this is the case I am extremely unhappy as well as disappointed in that decision.

I absolutely love Dr. Shuh and his staff. However what REALLY bothers me is the fact that in order to accommodate the traffic from the Marc a family, local businessman, an awesome Vet. and kind hearted person has to up root his life .

This community is "our community", the people of Arbutus, Halethorpe, Relay live here and yet WE have to be inconvenienced for people who DO NOT live here, that's absolutely ridiculous. Seems like to me and several others in this area that "our community" has to be Rearranged for people who are only passing through. What a shame !!! I am so sad to see this done to "our community" and I am very angry that no matter what we say it will not make a whole lot of difference anyway.

Unhappy resident,

Gail Wright

From: M421962B@
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 8:47 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: I-695:I-95 (SW) TO MD 122

I THINK THEY SHOULD COME UP WITH ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE INSTEAD OF BULLDOZING THE ARBUTUS VETS. WHY NOT MAKE AN ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN THE INNER LOOP SIDE OF THE BELTWAY AND SOUTHBOUND RAMP FROM SOUTHWESTERN BLVD/US 1 TO LEEDS AVE. THAT TAKES CARE OF THE PROBLEM WITHOUT REMOVING THE VET BUILDING BUT ALLOWING ACCESS TO THE BELTWAY. BESIDES ITS THE ONLY RESONABLE VET IN THE AREA. WHY SHOULD THE COMMUNITY SUFFER JUST BECAUSE OUTSIDERS NEED EASIER ACCESS TO THE BELTWAY. WHY CAN'T THE ACCESS WASHINGTON BLVD. TO THE BELTWAY. EASIER TO DO AND DOESN'T TAKE COMMUNITY BUSINESSES AWAY OR FORCE THEM TO CLOSE.

THANK YOU

MIKE BITTINGS

From: Nichole Rush
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 9:28 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Fwd: No ramp!!!

No ramp!!! Please leave our community Vet's property in place!! It has been the main and only vet for Arbutus since the 1950's with Dr. Hines and passed to Dr. Suh. This privately owned small business has been of incredible value for years, so much so that people come from all over the state to bring their pets to him. Not to mention this is not only his business, it is also his home.

A million dollar ramp is not needed for this area, the interchange of 95 & 695 has already been widened. Also, who is footing the bill for this unnecessary project? Tax Payer's? We don't want it!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Beth O'Donnell
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 9:41 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: southwestern blvd ramp, Arbutus MD

Dear Ms.Haines,

I have been a resident in the area for over 25 years and frequent Dr. Suh's veterernarian business frequently. It is my understanding that if the ramp reconstruction goes through, his business (and also his home since he and his family of 4 live there) would have to relocate and close his business until he is financially able to move his family and rebuild/ relocate his business. This would not only cause a hardship on his family but also the family and many hundreds, possibly thousands of animals and persons, who use his services. He and his veterernarian wife service a wide area, including the county and city residents and pets, which would put a hardship on many individuals and animals. He and his wife examine and treat his patients at a moment's notice and are a tremendous asset to the community, which could not be replaced. If he lost his Arbutus location, there is no guarantee that he could afford another local location, which might mean we would be permanently without veterernarian services for our area. This is such a waste of very limited funds during a recession and can not see how the change in a ramp could compensate for such a needed service for the community and livelihood for 2 professionals in our community.

Sincerely,

Beth O'Donnell

From: Dara Crystal
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 7:18 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Veterinarian Clinic

Dear. Mrs. Haines,

The reason I am writing is to express my disappointment and plead to not shut down the Arbutus Veterinarian Clinic. This gentleman has been there for many years with his practice and helped many animals. We need more care for our animals, than we do more highway. Please, don't shut it down if not for everyone else but for the animals. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Dara Crystal

From: Maryland Animal
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 8:59 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Vet Clinic

Are you getting closed by The Feds, The State or The County? Have you spoken to your County Councilman or called the County Executive office?

William H. Morrison, Treasurer
and The Board of Directors
410-288-2742

www.marylandanimal.org

Charitable Registration:

www.sos.state.md.us

Corporate Charter:

<http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/ucc-charter/>

From: Debbie Russell
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:17 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Animal Clinic

Dear Monica,

I was greatly saddened to read on facebook about the potential effects of road construction on the Arbutus Animal Clinic. I have just found this doctor and absolutely love him for my pets. I understand that construction needs to be done, but I would hope that on this mission that the county will do all they can to assist in the relocation of this business owner.

He provides great care at prices that most of us can afford and truly loves the animals. I hope that the next article I read is one where Dr Suh thanks the support of everyone in getting a new even better facility.

Thanks,

Debbie

From: Halethorpe Improvement Association [Halethorpe_Improvement_Assoc@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 11:25 PM
To: comments@baltometro.org
Subject: my comments on the 695 ramp

To whom it may concern,

I received an email from the Public Involvement Coordinator of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council on May 18th seeking public comment on a request by the SHA to amend the Transportation Improvement Program, and I wish to give my comments on the project involving the ramp leading to I-695 north (inner loop) from US 1 (Southwestern Blvd.).

The discussion to create a means for the Halethorpe MARC station commuters to effectively traverse from the Beltway to the station and back has been brought up many times at the Halethorpe Improvement Association (HIA) meetings, as the commuters often causes unnecessary traffic jams in the area of Arbutus as they are trying to make their way to the inner loop of the Beltway. The increased transient traffic through the business district of Arbutus is undesirable to the local business owners and the local residents alike. The commuters themselves do not like their trek through Arbutus either, as this present route hinders their access to the Beltway. The commuter traffic has become so heavy and dangerous at the intersection of US 1 and Linden Ave. that a traffic light is due to be installed at this intersection to alleviate the growing amount of accidents occurring there during rush hour traffic.

Halethorpe Improvement Association has been in favor of the proposal to relocate the existing ramp on Leeds Ave. to US 1 (Southwestern Blvd.) to help with these traffic congestion problems. Of concern to myself, HIA, and to most of the area residents is the fact that in order to accomplish this project the building housing our local veterinarian's business and home would need to be razed. We would like to see this project go through, but not at the expense of losing Dr. Suh, our well established neighborhood veterinarian and friend to many. We would hope that Maryland State works with Dr. Suh in finding a suitable replacement building in the neighborhood that he and his family are agreeable upon.

I am quite disappointed that I was not contacted in advance to the May 16th meeting open for public comment at the Arbutus Library concerning this project. I hope this emailing opportunity suffices as my public comment. Please contact me if you have any questions, and please don't hesitate to send me follow up information on this matter.

Thank for this opportunity,

Mike McAuliffe
Halethorpe Improvement Association
President

From: Beaksandtails@
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 12:27 AM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Vet

I have been informed you are trying to shut down a vet in Baltimore county may I inquire why? This doesn't sound like the correct steps have been taken.

Kelsie Holtje

From: Kellermann, Patricia
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 7:21 AM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Vet Shut Down

I totally disagree with them shutting down this vet. That is totally ignorant and needs to be stopped!

From: donna quick
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 8:57 AM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Vet

Hey, what gives? So you want to widen 695? Why shut down the Veterinary Clinic? At least you could have done is give them months notice to prepare for this. Unfair.

Donna Quick

From: malamust@
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 6:30 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Vet

Please do not close down the Arbutus Vet Clinic. If you need him to relocate, then help him do so. DO NOT CLOSE HIM DOWN!!!!!!

From: Lisa
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 6:14 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org

This is just plain wrong to do this to this veterinarian's office.

And nobody even told them about it--they had to find it out on their own.

Just not right.

From: Top Dog Canine Counselor
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 5:46 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Animal Hospital

Dear Ms. Haines,

I understand that there is a proposal to widen 695 that will take out the Arbutus Animal Hospital, as well as many homes in the area.

I want to go on record as saying that this is a big mistake. As a pet owner, and professional dog trainer, I am very familiar with the work of Dr. Luke Suh, owner of the Arbutus Animal Hospital. I recommend his services whenever possible. He provides a service to this community that others do not. That is AFFORDABLE veterinary care. There are other vets in the area, but none that provide the quality of care at affordable prices like Dr. Suh. I believe that one of the reasons he is able to do this is because he provides services out of his home/office. I'm sure that it cuts down on his overhead. If he were forced to move out, he would probably have to rent office space and increase his fees. There are many pet owners out there that just cannot afford the ever climbing cost of veterinary care, that Dr. Suh has been able to keep down.

Please keep this in mind as you make your recommendations.

Sincerely,

Katherine Novak
Top Dog Canine Counseling

From: mstritch@
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 5:42 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Veterinary Clinic

Why is the Baltimore County Government able to close a local business without prior notification to the business owner and the surrounding community's citizens? This matter needs to be brought to the attention of the news media so it can be broadcast far and wide.

Concerned Citizen,

MaryLee Stritch
Abingdon. MD

From: loyce gordon
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 5:32 PM
To: MHainesBenkhedda@BaltoMetro.org
Subject: Our Animal Hospital/ Arbutus Halethorpe Area :

Monica Haines,

I cannot believe that the Balto Metro is at it again. We fought this one time and now they truly want to tear our Animal Hospital down. There is not one other Vet clinic around Arbutus area that were decent and good in prices. When we met the dr. that takes care of both of our animals they just loved him. He has a very large business with alot of clients. I have been to Glen Burnie/ Paradise animal as well as others/ and none are as good as this place. It is a good location, and in case of a dire emergency, Dr. Shue has always been there for our Dogs.

What makes you think that this is a good idea,as I think it will just mess things up even more. People don't know when to leave well enough alone. You don't realize that you will not only be tearing down a business but also their home. If you have animals I would think you would hunt around for a good place to take care of them. As we did, I have lived in Arbutus for 60 yrs. I grew up here Married here, raised my childern here and reside in my parents home even as they passed away. Now it seems that people want to make a small town community into a bigger town which I don't think is right.

If you must insist about this don't you think the right thing to do would be to find another location for this animal hospital to relocate in Arbutus? I think so. If it was your business and family I think you would really be upset about this. I am truly not happy with loosing our animal Cline since we have been with Dr. Shue/ and the previous dr since the building was there and that has been a long long time as my Mom use to take my dog there when I was just 7yrs old. That should tell you something.

I hope this letter will put some kind of thoughts as to what you can do other then just tear something down so more traffic can rip through our neighbor. It is totally out of the question for me and I am quite sure it is for a lot of others as they like this animal clinic also and their love for Dr Shue, who takes care of their pets also. THINK ABOUT THIS FOR A MOMENT/ RE Read over and again. I ask you this question. DO YOU THINK THIS IS NECESSARY?

Thank you listening to a voice of Arbutus since it was a little hole n the wall and a nice small little town/ and it still is.

Mrs Loyce Gordon
Halethorpe MD. 21227

Mr Leonarrd Gordon

Again thank you for your attention to this matter.

I was sitting here thinking about all of this today and there is a superfresh in which is going out of business/actually going Bankrupt and that store was not sold. Why can you not focus on tearing that down and putting the extra ramp there. Please ck into this as we need Dr Shue and our Animal Hospital here for all of our dogs cats etc, and Dr Shue is just the best in the profession and is the kindest and the most concerning of all the vets around.

Thank you.
Mrs Gordon

From: Ann Moore
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 5:14 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Vet-Dr. Suh

Hello,

Please add my name-Ann Moore and my husband-Phillip Moore to your list to disagree with the closing of the 695 ramp on Leeds Ave. ultimately closing our vet's business. We have 2 cats and 1 dog that are his patients,

Thank you,

Ann Moore
Phillip Moore
Balto. Md. 21227

From: Corns family
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 5:06 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Vet Clinic

Hello –

I just got an email that Arbutus Vet clinic may be closed to widen a road. We take our dog Betsy to Dr. Suh and find him to be a very good vet, patient and very caring. I hope this closure does not happen!

Thanks! – Kriste Corns

From: Karen S Baldwin
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 4:43 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Cc: marylandpetgazette@msn.com

Dear Ms. Haines,

It certainly doesn't seem fair that a business owner is not given any notice that they will be forced out of their office without given proper notice by the county. I'm sure thousands of clients have come to depend on Arbutus Vet Clinic over the years and rely on them for the care of their beloved pets. What is the clinic to do? A business just can't up and move at a moment's notice! Progress needs to be made but not at the expense of the taxpayers who the county serves. I ask you give them some time and consideration. Thank you!

Karen Baldwin

From: Laura Cleveland
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 4:15 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Vet closing

Please do not close the vet. It is only fair they are told in enough time to plan and make other arrangements. Do the right thing. How would you like to find out yoionly have 1 day yo protest someone taking your house?

Sent from Yahoo! Mail on Android

From: Theresa
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 4:14 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Animal hospital closure

To Whom It May Concern:

Please reconsider closing this office for beltway expansion.

It is a disservice to the larger community and small business owners.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Regards,

Theresa Deramo

Essence of Wellness, Inc.
Theresa Deramo
Acupuncture for People & Pets
www.essenceofwellness.net

From: FC Shelter Stores
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 4:18 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Baltimore veterinary office

I was disgusted to hear that Baltimore County is trying to close down The Arbutus Veterinary Clinic in order to widen Beltway 695. I understand that the vet's office was not informed of this but happened to find out today on their own. Shame on Baltimore County!

colleen nusser

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STORES TO HELP SHELTER ANIMALS:

Zazzle: <http://www.zazzle.com/FCACshelter?rf=238702617843694115>

Cafepress: <http://www.cafepress.com/FCAC>

Blog: <http://pet-lover-items.blogspot.com/>

Facebook: <http://bit.ly/9Q6oSG>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/shop4animals>

From: d blockston
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 4:18 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Veterinary Hospital

Dear Ms. Haines,

I heard today, that there are plans to close down the Arbutus Veterinary Hospital, on Leeds Ave, in Arbutus, to widen 695. I beg you to reconsider. The local vet is a kind, honest, local business man, who runs his clinic like you are family. He has taken care of my animals for the last 8 years, and will continue to do so. Many of his clients are elderly, and/or in a financial hardship, yet he makes time for them. Businesses like his are what our community is about. Arbutus still has a small town feel to it, with the many local, and privately-owned businesses.

The entrance ramp to 695, located across the street, is much less of a hazard than many of the other streets and intersections in our area. I can imagine that decisions like these are not easy ones for you to make, but I'm asking you to please, consider the damage that this would do to our community, as well as our furry friends.

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Danielle Reid-Blockston

www.BitchenStitchen.etsy.com

From: Smallman-Chilcoat, Denise
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 4:18 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Veterinary Clinic...

Dear Ms. Haines,

I'm very upset to hear that Baltimore County is trying to close down, The Arbutus Veterinary Clinic, to widen a part of 695 Beltway. We were told that the Vet's office was not informed of this but happened to find out today. (?) They were also told that today is the last day for anyone to protest this and this is why I'm writing to you. I'm in total disagreement on how this is being handled and for the reason why it is being done.

Denise Smallman-Chilcoat

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From: 3017400679@
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 4:24 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org

It is terrible to force the closure of Arbutus Vet clinic to begin with and on top of it t notice. Disgusting.

Lucie groeger

From: don peacock
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 4:12 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus veterinarian office closure

I can understand having to widen the Beltway...however, it is my hope that Baltimore County has given sufficient notice to and will assist the veterinarian so that there will be no interruption to his practice. He has patients that rely on him to be there and the County should do everything possible to help him take care of them.

Don Peacock

From: amanda mabrey
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 4:12 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: VET

why is the vet being closed down????

From: kfowle3@
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 3:51 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: arbutus ramp/vet shut down

Monica Haines, Baltimore Metropolitan Council

Dear Ms. Haines,

Dr. Suh at Arbutus Veterinary Hospital has been caring for my animals for the past 4 years. I was saddened to hear that the County/Transportation adm./local business community were trying to run a ramp connecting Southwestern blvd. to 695 through his much needed business. I am appalled to discover that this may actually take place.

Being a local resident and tax payer, I use the the I695/Southwestern Blvd exit and the Leeds ave. onto 695 ramps daily. We already have 2 exits off of Southwestern Blvd. Why do we need another? Why do we need to connect Southwestern to 695 when we already have similar connectivity via I95 and Wilkens Avenue? This is less than 1 mile away. Why another ramp? Are we really trying to further congest the I95/695 cloverleaf with another exit?

I am strongly opposed to taking the building from Arbutus Vet Hospital. I would like to be informed as to where and how I can express my opposition in the future. Are any community meetings planned?

Thank you for your time,

Karen Luceti

From: wayne crosby
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 3:48 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: New Ramp for Arbutus/Halethorpe

I think the new proposed ramp is a great idea for Halethorpe and Arbutus but I-695 traffic is bumper to bumper when the commuters come in to go home. These commuters will get to the congested beltway that much faster. How do we fix this problem?

Thanks,

Bonnie

From: 3sheetsandasmooch@
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 2:19 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Ref. Arbutus Veterinary Hospital/695 ramp

Monica Haines, Baltimore Metropolitan Council

Dear Ms. Haines,

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Thank you for your time,

Sheila Muccio and Jon sheets
Halethrope, Maryland 21227

From: lfowler2004@
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 2:56 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Fwd: URGENT deadline today!! Fwd: Ref. Arbutus Veterinary Hospital/695 ramp URGENT deadline today!!

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Thank you for your time,

Laura Fowler and Shawn Mende

From: Lauren Sterner
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 3:19 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: 695 at Leeds Avenue 21227

To Whom it May Concern:

I was just informed that there is a plan to widen 695 and shut down the building at 4901 Leeds Avenue (21227), which would force the Veterinarian Clinic to close. This is a beneficial business in the area which cares for most of the families pets. This would be such a travesty, and honestly, if 695 needs to be widened, I would do so where it meets 295 or at 70. This area is not as congested of an area as either of these.

Thank you,

Lauren Sterner

From: faud820@
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 2:17 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: URGENT Please don't close the Arbutus Vet Clinic!

Hi Ms. Haines,

I was just told today that the county is trying to close down our local vet The Arbutus Veterinary Clinic, to widen Rte 695 which passes nearby. I was also told that the Vet's office was not informed of this but happened to find out today on their own. They were also told that today is the last day for anyone to protest this.

The Vet (Dr. Suh) is a kind man and a local business owner. I live locally - in Relay - was born and raised there. I used to go to the previous Vet at the same location when I was little.

Dr. Suh has taken care of 4 of my animals so far.

Dr. Suh such a sweet man. All vets should love animals but I don't think they all have the compassion that Dr. Suh does for his patients.

Two of my animals (a dog and a cat) were both very sick. He tried everything he could - and he was also very honest about treatments - some vets would have taken advantage of pet owners - but not Dr. Suh. I eventually ended up taking our dog to a specialist. Both of the animals had to finally be put down at Dr. Suh's. One of my animals was so sick, I had to go see Dr. Suh after hours and he opened up just to help us. He tried everything he could to save them, charging us minimal money at times, just to try and save them. How many times these days do we run across people like that? I know I don't very often at all.

Dr. Suh is a very religious man and said a prayer before he put them to sleep. He was upset about it too - and had tears in his eyes. I've never even seen a human doctor get upset like that when a person dies. Dr. Suh loves his patients and also his patients' owners.

He works so hard and means so much to the community. Please don't shut him down.

Sincerely,
Audrey Fowler

From: Lisa Nitsch
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 1:12 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: objection to closing 695 ramp on Leeds Avenue and Arbutus Vet

Ms. Haines,

I am writing to voice my objection to the plans to close the 695 ramp on Leeds Avenue and the forced closure of the Arbutus Veterinary Hospital.

The ramp is valued access in our community and Dr. Suh's animal hospital is an important resource. Dr. Suh is a small business owner who has worked tirelessly and with love to create such a valuable place to care for our pets.

I understand the need to widen 695 and create metro access but, please, let's get creative and find a way that does not disturb these two important pieces of what makes our community great.

Take care,

Lisa Nitsch

From: laurel grim
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 1:01 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Vet Office

Hello Monica,

I just heard from a friend that my pets' veterinary office is set to be closing due to widening of beltway 695. I wanted to email my dissatisfaction about this. I am local Arbutus resident and have been going to the Arbutus Veterinary Office on Leeds Ave. for several years. Even during a time that my finances were tight, the vet lowered my bill to help out my animals. He is a very kind man, and all of my local friends go to this office as well.. I can only hope that my opinion, along with others, can help to keep this office open.

Sincerely,

Laurel Simmons

From: amber bradley
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 12:49 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: I-695 Ramp near Leeds Ave

To whom it may concern:

I feel that even as a local the new ramp is unnecessary. To ruin someones lively hood for five minutes less driving is CRIMINAL. I have been going to the Arbutus Veterinary Hospital for years. I have tried many vets before this one but I have to say they are the nicest, most efficient, and most caring veterinarians. My pets nor I have had a connection with any other Veterinarian like this one. Dr. Suh truly remembers all of my pets and not just medical history, he remembers little things about them, things that only someone who actually cares about their patients could remember. They are good and honest people and deserve to keep their business. A better plan would be to build the ramp where there isn't already something established there. I will be notifying all of my family and friends of this plan and we will be fighting it.

Thank you,
Amber Bradley

From: Cheryl Allen
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 12:45 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus vet

To whom it may concern,

I just caught wind of the heinous act today. Please do not force a close down of the Arbutus Veterinary clinic to widen 695. He is a very good person and a good vet. The community needs him. If he is forced to get a new building, prices will go up and going to the vet will again become unaffordable. I urge you to consider this plea from the community.

Thank you for your consideration!

Cheryl Allen

From: tlholden@
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 12:38 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Veterinary Hosp

I am a resident of the Arbutus Community and I would like to say that I disagree with the closure of the Arbutus Veterinary Clinic to widen 695. This is a great vet and a small local business owner who deserves the opportunity to stay. He serves our community well.

Sincerely,
Tracy Holden
Halethorpe, MD 21227

From: Diane Markellos
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 12:57 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: NO RAMP!!!

This family owned small business is being destroyed in a sneaky method of last minute bait and switch. The proposal was shot down previously in a town hall meeting and agreed to by all parties. STOP THIS RAMP!!! This is a travesty of justice and an abuse of governmental powers!

~ Diane Markellos

Diane Markellos
Office of Technology Development
UMBC
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Baltimore, MD 21228
410.455.1414

From: Tina McGuirk
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 12:32 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.or
Subject: Please do not close down Arbutus Veterinary Clinic

This is the only one we have and we need them to stay in business!!!

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From: lfowler2004@
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 12:25 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Veterinary Clinic

Hello Monica,

I do not agree with the closure of the Arbutus Veterinary Clinic. There are many others who agree with this view. I am writing you informally as I was just notified of this and am told that the Veterinary Office was also just notified of this. I will be sending my comments also to my local legislatures.

I would appreciate your reply with what else I can do to halt this ridiculous decision.

Laura Fowler

From: DKNY283823@
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 12:34 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Please dont close Arbutus Vet Clinic!

Please do not close Arbutus Veterinary Clinic we need that place its the only one in that zipcode and they need us as well!!! The economy is bad enough

Tina Mcguirk

From: Mrs. Nicholas Furtado
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 11:28 AM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: 695 Expansion

I am writing to you to request that you say NO to the 695 expansion and also No to adding another off ramp onto Leeds avenue.

Thank you,

Jennifer

Sent from my Verizon Wireless Phone

From: Angie
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:31 AM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Animal Hospital

To Whom It May Concern,

I writing to you to Plead for the Arbutus Animal Hospital. My pet is a client of the hospital and it is such a wonderful place and the location is great. It will be such a hardship on the community if they have to relocate and leave their present address. So I beg of you to please consider other options. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Angie Hendricks

From: Jacqueline Alexander
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:14 AM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: 695 and Leeds Avenue

I am writing with regards to this Leeds Ave. ramp. I am against the current highway amendment . Expanding this ramp will cause more traffic to the current neighborhood. It will also move businesses that has been located in this spot for years. Such as a vet, that many neighbors have taken their animals this will be a problem because this closest vet is located in Glen Burnie Maryland which is a problem for people who do not drive. Their are other many convenient shops that the community supports as well, that once this expansion takes place will move local stores and a supermarket.

Expanding the lanes from 6 to 8 will also increase the air pollution, decrease the values of many homes. By doing this project, where will the existing businesses go?

*Jacqueline (Jackie) Alexander
Medical Office Assistant
Medicine Department
Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center & Hospital*

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From: momdogg1 @
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 9:05 AM
To: raris@baltometro.org; tlang@baltometro.org; mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: 695 expansion

I am against the 695 expansion at Leeds Ave. I am against adding another off ramp to Leeds Ave. The speeding on Leeds Ave. is deadly.

Thank you

Claudia Moore

From: Marcella Coe
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 8:58 AM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Veterinary Hospital

Monica Haines, Public Involvement Coordinator

It is my understanding that a decision is being rendered with regard to an exit ramp in Arbutus. I disagree with the plan being proposed that will effect Arbutus Veterinary Hospital and suggest the use of the field near the Catholic Church on Leeds Avenue. This alternative would allow Arbutus Veterinary Hospital to remain where it is located and continue to be a viable, important contribution to Arbutus and surrounding communities.

Dr. Suh and the Arbutus Veterinary Hospital staff have be an invaluable resource in the care of my two dogs. Their compassion and understanding with the illnesses of my two cats(who passed away in the last two years) was immeasurable. I have been to various veterinarians through the years and none can compare with the caring and knowledge of Dr. Suh. My pets past and present have always felt relaxed and well cared for at Arbutus Veterinary Hospital.

As a patron, neighbor and friend of Arbutus Veterinary Hospital I respectfully request that you give strong considerable to your alternative plan for the new by-pass and let Arbutus Veterinary Hospital remain where it is located and continue to be a strong, viable contribution to the Arbutus.

Sincerely,

Marcella A. Coe

From: Lindsey Nieberlein
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 11:12 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: NO RAMP!

NO RAMP! Leave Dr. Suh's Veterinary hospital and home alone.

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"Today, as the light of the sun sweeps over earth's equator, may all our qualities come equally to light. May we no longer shut our longings outside the door, may our pettiness sit at table with our courage, may desire shake hands with will and knowing, may power and fear break bread, may worry laugh along with ease, and may hatred not eat the rest of us, but rather, come share a meal with love. May that in us which needs healing be embraced by that which heals." ~T. Thorn Coyle

"What is success? To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived; this is to have succeeded." --- Ralph Waldo Emerson
1803

"If you suffer your people to be ill-educated, and their manners to be corrupted from their infancy, and then punish them for those crimes to which their first education disposed them, what else is to be concluded from this, but that you first make thieves and then punish them"
~Sir Thomas Moore

From: bonniedbaker@
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 7:39 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Fwd: Proposed I-695 ramp Leeds Ave. Arbutus

Dear Ms. Benkhedda,

Thank you for inviting comments regarding the proposed amendment to design a new I-695 ramp near Leeds Ave. in Arbutus.

The proposed design to raze the Arbutus Veterinary Hospital in order to build a ramp from US Route 1 to I-695 only addresses the travel demand for commuters heading to northbound I-695 from the Marc train station in Arbutus.

An alternate idea would be to build two ramps south of Exit 12A that connect Southwestern Blvd. directly to I-695 for use by northbound drivers on US Route 1: one ramp accessing northbound I-695 (via a loop) and another heading to southbound I-695 (via a ramp). This would address the congestion in Arbutus from Marc commuters heading in either direction. Currently, drivers heading to **I-695 north** go from Route 1 to Linden Ave. to Leeds Ave. to the ramp. Commuters heading to **I-695 south** drive from Route 1 to Oregon Avenue to Sulphur Spring Road to Washington Blvd. Keeping the northbound and southbound drivers on Route 1, which is their starting point, addresses all of the congestion problems in Arbutus from Marc train commuters and residents alike. This option would also allow the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Dept. quick, easy access to I-695 just a block from their station.

Another design that would save the Arbutus Veterinary Hospital and address only travelers heading to northbound I-695 (inner loop) would be to build an access road from Route 1 to Leeds Ave. just south of I-695 where there is unused land - this is just outside of the Beltway - on the opposite side of the Beltway than the Hospital. Marc train commuters need only drive north on US Route 1 to the access road that connects to Leeds Ave. and not drive through the heart of Arbutus. This may also benefit the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Dept.

Thank you again for soliciting comments on projects in my area.

Yours truly,

Bonnie Baker
Baltimore, MD 21227

From: Betty Sanders
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 4:16 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: 695 ramp Leeds Avenue

I have lived in Arbutus all my life and I love it. I am protesting the ramp on Leeds Avenue. This would ruin a perfectly working community cutting them off to the shops and main streets.

Above all else My vets live there and it would put him out of business and out of his home. What kind of people do this.

Stop the ramp.

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From: Tim
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 4:04 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Please do not tear down Arbutus Veterinary Hospital

I understnad that there is a plan to expand the beltway entrance on Leeds Avenue, but please do not tear down the veterinary hospital!

From: Studleeoz@
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 3:59 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Vet Hospital

I am protesting this movement. Please keep my vet right where he is!

Thanks Mark

From: Thalia1112@
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 2:25 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Dr. Luke Suh - Arbutus Veterinary Hospital - Leeds Avenue, Arbutus

Dear Ms. Haines:

I am writing on behalf of Dr. Luke Suh and his staff. It is my understanding that the county/state is planning to raze Arbutus Veterinary Hospital in order to make way for improvements/additions to I695. Dr. Suh and his staff have provided superior, compassionate care to all of my pets for years, and as a concerned citizen, I respectfully request that you reconsider this plan and allow Dr. Suh to keep the hospital at its current location, where it has been for over 40 years. Dr. Suh and his staff provide an invaluable service to the Arbutus/Lansdowne community, and kicking him out of his business just for the convenience of some drivers is unconscionable. Please, please let Dr. Suh keep his practice at its current location.

Sincerely,
Tamara McDermott
Lansdowne, MD 21227

From: Adam Youssi
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 1:05 PM
To: raris@baltometro.org; dkehinde@sha.state.md; ustlang@baltometro.org; ehines@baltimorecountymd.gov; leeds.united.pedestrians@gmail.com; mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org; james.malone@house.state.md.us; council1@baltimorecountymd.gov
Subject: Leeds Avenue, Arbutus, MD

Dear County & State planners, State Delegate, and County Councilman,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen, father, husband, and resident of Leeds Avenue in Arbutus, Maryland.

The conditions of Leeds Avenue's sidewalks, road, and traffic are deplorable. It strikes me as a rare occasion in this county when a street, let alone a so-called 'collector street,' which also happens to be the residential home to families and the elderly, has been allowed to deteriorate to such a condition. At fault for this are both County and State planning and policy, so with that in mind I have broadly addressed this e-mail to interested parties.

Among the residents of our humble 'collector street' are individuals who struggle with chronic illnesses, as well as children and families who battle mental disabilities. Also among our residents are frustrated, concerned, and educated individuals, some of whom are reluctantly willing to turn activists if the need arises.

Specifically, there are two issues at hand:

Issue #1

Leeds Avenue's capital project to rebuild its road and side walks is pushed-back year after year; and, this project does not plan for any traffic calming on the extremely busy, but residential, street. Since 2009, Leeds Avenue was slated for a capital project to renovate its sidewalks and roadways. This project has annually been pushed back again and again. I can speak directly to this as I have personally contacted Ralph Wheeler, Baltimore County Civil Engineer, who is heading the Leeds Avenue capital project on more than one occasion. Leeds Avenue's capital project, which appears to be getting pushed-back, *again*, from 2011 to 2012, does not take into account the road's *need* for traffic calming devices. The reason for this is simple, it is designated a 'collector road' or 'County artery,' and therefore traffic calming is restricted. That designation is largely due to the 695 on and off ramps (mentioned in the next issue below). Despite being a 'collector road,' families and children walking, biking, and pushing strollers utilize our sidewalks everyday. They do this with cars speeding upwards of 50 mph only 1-3 feet away from pedestrians. As a resident, I can attest to the fact that this is a terrifying event, which largely leaves me and my infant son stuck in our home rather than risking our lives on our neighborhood's sidewalks. One might consider that an overstatement, but there is no shortage of accidents or deaths that occur on this street every year, including at least one involving an emergency vehicle itself. Moreover, I have never witnessed any speed-traps placed along our narrow residential corridor.

This Baltimore County Leeds Avenue capital project needs traffic calming as part of its planning because the County risks an increasing body-count in favor of convenience for motorists. Moreover, this capital project needs to move forward, and stop being held-back year after year.

Issue #2

The ramp at 695 should be moved by the State Highway Administration as soon as possible. The Southwestern Boulevard MARC train station is expanding - ground has already been broken in a celebratory and ceremonious fashion. However, as the MARC station expands, Leeds Avenue's problems only compound. The ramp on Leeds Avenue, accompanied by traffic to and from the MARC station are the only two major problems with speeding, traffic, deaths, and accidents on Leeds Avenue. It is my understanding that one million dollars is proposed to redesign the 695 on and off ramps to connect them to Southwestern Boulevard - where they should have been placed from the beginning. This project needs to be pushed forward as soon as possible, and made a priority. For years, Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith also lobbied for this same action, but still we only see deplorable conditions on Leeds Avenue whereas residents are stuck in their driveways, or unable to safely walk their own sidewalks. As the MARC station is expanding, traffic will only increase on Leeds Avenue, and hence accidents, speeding, and pedestrian/motorist deaths *will* only increase in the coming years.

Please move forward with State Highway Administration designs to relocate the 695 on and off ramps to their proper location on Southwestern Boulevard, near the MARC station. Please do so in a timely and expedient fashion because, truly, lives very well may depend on it.

These issues require both County and State cooperation and action, rather than "passing the buck" from one to the other because the road is designated a 'collector road' and presumably used for both purposes. Understandably funding is tight in this economic recession, but doing anything other than these suggestions is essentially an act of favoring the convenience of motorists and cars over existing residents and families. **The co-opting of a county road by the state for the priority use of non-pedestrians has resulted in a pedestrian safety crisis for residents and users of Leeds Avenue.**

I will fully support the pursuit of legal action if that need or potential should arise, but as I previously mentioned I am only a reluctant activist for the cause. My hope is that common sense and public safety concerns alone will drive these issues forward in a more timely fashion than has been the case up to this point. Favoring the convenience of motorists over the safety and rights of residents strikes me as perfectly acceptable grounds for a legal challenge should it come to that.

Sincerely,

A concerned father, husband, and resident

Adam Youssi

Balt., MD 21229

From: Carrie Lauf
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 12:17 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: NO RAMP, leave our Vet's property alone!

NO RAMP, leave our Vet's property alone!

Sent from my iPhone

From: C K
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 10:30 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org

NO RAMP, leave our Vet's property alone!

Leave this vet's (Dr Suh) property alone and do not build the ramp at the 95 and 695 interchange.

Cristiana Ratti

From: mbullinger1234@
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 10:24 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: new ramp affecting animal hospital

Monica,

I just read in our Wynnewood newsletter of renewed plans to build a ramp off of Southwest Blvd. which would affect the Arbutus Veterinary Hospital.

I am opposed to these plans. It was rather ironic to read in the column from Tom Quirk, right before Jim Malone's plans for this, that the county and state were crying the money blues! The engineering costs for this new ramp would be astronomical.

I remember the veterinary practice when it belonged to Dr. H. Hine over 50+ years. How awful it would be for Arbutus to lose such a fine building and wonderful practice. Dr. Suh has worked so hard to improve the building and has a wonderful, valuable to the people of Arbutus, practice. Do not take this away from our community.

It would have been nice if SOMEONE had told Dr. Suh that this was again in the works.

Put both of us down as 'opposed'. Thank you.

Mike and Paula Bullinger

From: Janet Snyder
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 10:17 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Re Need your help

To Whom it may concern

I'm sending this email on behalf of my vet Dr. Suk at Arbutus Animal Hospital. Please reconsider constructing a ramp though the hospital. I have been using this vet for years. Dr Suk is a very kind man he has really helped our community a lot. He live upstairs of the hospital so he can keep low prices for his customers. He always is there for any emergency. He has helped all my animals in their time of need. The cost for this ramp is ridiculously high. There must be other options please use one of them.

Sincerely

Janet Snyder

From: VIP
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 10:06 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Purposed new ramp in Arbutus

Ms. Monica Haines;

This is to inform you that my family and I, including neighbors, adamantly oppose plans for a new ramp off 695 onto Southwestern Blvd.

Please take time to consider our loss of valued Arbutus Veterinary Hospital at 4901 Leeds Ave. This business is a necessary addition to our community, a valued improvement long standing in Arbutus. At a time when we should be conserving funds for much needed bridge and road repairs, please reevaluate these plans. At least give the residents of Arbutus a chance to vote on this unnecessary plan to invade our hometown and destroy our only Veterinarian.

Sincerely,

David & Vivian Pope
Abutus, MD 21227

From: R.Norris
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 12:11 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Proposed Leeds Avenue Interchange

Dear Ms. Haines.

I am writing to protest the continuing efforts of "the powers that be" to insist upon building an exit ramp at Leeds Avenue in Arbutus. The majority of people who live in the area do not want it, or need it. The project was believed to have been defeated, yet once again it's back, despite the prior efforts of the community. Please forward my email to anyone who will listen. Meanwhile, please consider the interests of those who will be impacted by this, and not to the interests of contractors or government-types who stand to benefit financially.

Sincere regards,

Rebecca Norris Catonsville

From: Jane McCleary
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 11:40 AM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: No Ramp

No Ramp!!!!

From: shannon Frenyea
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 11:02 AM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: 695 Ramp on Leeds

Good morning,

I am writing in support of Arbutus Animal Hospital **AGAINST** the 695 Ramp off of Leeds.

I have been a long time customer of Arbutus Veterinary hospital and that building has been there before I can remember. Additionally, Dr. Suh and his family LIVE in that building so building a ramp will severely compromise their home and livelihood. Thirdly, you may be taking this property via eminent domain and because of that the money you give to dr. Suh is not anywhere what the property is worth. This is wrong on so many levels and I ask you to build the ramp elsewhere.

What are the other options? Have you considered other options? Why is a ramp even needed???

I do not see enough traffic over there to warrant a ramp in the 1st place. If you must build it could it be done further down the beltway or off of Leeds?

Sadly most times the government wins but I sincerely hope in this case Arbutus Veterinary hospital remains intact at their present location.

AGAIN, PLEASE NO RAMP on Leeds Avenue.

Thank you,

Shannon E. Frenyea
Dolores Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21227

From: Kate Lipa
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 10:38 AM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: NO RAMP

Save our local vet!!! And his home!!! Do not destroy people's lives for a road.

Sincerely,

Kate Lipa

From: Susan Crozier
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 8:09 AM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: ARBUTUS RAMP

NO RAMP, leave our Vet's property alone!

Susan Crozier

From: Cyn
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 9:39 AM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: proposed ramp plans off leeds ave.

Hello;

My name is Cynthia Huerta-Ewing and I have been using Arbutus Veterinary Hospital for around 20 years. I am very upset that a ramp could take out a very caring, and needed part of the Arbutus community. I understand there are other options for this project. Please do not take out one of the staple businesses in this community. It is a very comfortable, inviting practice and needs to stay there.

I have never run across a more caring veterinarian in the years I have been a pet owner. Dr. Suh would be forced to move his practice and in doing so would probably lose a lot of his client base and more important the pets in his care are very comfortable with him and his staff. I am very saddened by this possibility. I have had 9 pets in Dr. Hine and Dr. Suh's care over the years and really hate the thought of this disappearing from my community. Thank you for your consideration. Cynthia Huerta-Ewing

From: lesliewithredhair
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 6:47 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: Arbutus Animal Hospital

Hi,

I was referred to you by a friend about the closing of the 695 ramp on Leeds Ave and its possibly affecting Dr Suh's practice at the Arbutus Animal Hospital. I hope this is not the case, as I have not heard anything about it. However if it is, I would like to offer my support as I do go to Dr Suh along with a number of my family and friends.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do in this matter.

Leslie Armbruster

From: James Moore
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 6:06 PM
To: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Subject: 695 off ramp proposal for Leeds Ave Arbutus

Good afternoon Monica,

I am writing because of the recent proposal to put an off ramp from 695 to leeds ave and extend the width of 695 north towards Towson. I am obviously not thrilled with this news. I have been fighting for revitalization of the Arbutus area for years. I have been trying to have the state highway department along with the Baltimore county police, town executives office and House delegate Jimmy Maolone help with the decrease in litter, crime, homeless, and inadequate lighting for some time now, and we are finally making headway. This increase / expansion of 695 would not only cause people to lose their homes, but would increase the crime , litter and over all unhappiness throughout the town. This is a huge concern for numerous people through out this town. We already have a huge speeding issue on Leeds ave because of the current off and on ramps located here. Just recently we have had numerous accounts of little children com

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James E. Moore

From: James Moore
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 8:22 PM
To: raris@baltometro.org; dkehinde@sha.state.md.us; tlang@baltometro.org;
ehines@baltimorecountymd.gov; mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Cc: madcapp.melinda@verizon.net
Subject: 695 Leeds ave

All,

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Please feel free to bring your entire family and let me know how safe you feel about having your children in this area with these issues.

Thank you,

James Moore
Arbutus , md 21227

Sent from my iPhone

From: James Moore
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 7:31 AM
To: raris@baltometro.org; dkehinde@sha.state.md.us; tlang@baltometro.org; ehines@baltimorecountymd.gov; mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org
Cc: madcapp.melinda@verizon.net
Subject: Re: 695 Leeds ave

Good Morning,

My schedule is pretty open this week and I can also meet this afternoon if anyone is available.

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Subject: Re: Location of meeting on June 28 regarding Leeds Avenue
Attachments: image.jpeg; ATT00311.htm; image.jpeg; ATT00314.htm; image.jpeg; ATT00317.htm; image.jpeg; ATT00320.htm; image.jpeg; ATT00323.htm; image.jpeg; ATT00326.htm

These are one tiny section of side walk that are in unusable. The only other means of travel are the streets on both sides. While on the side walk taking pictures I was nearly struck by passing vehicles speeding in excess of 40mph at minimum. I have yet to hear from any of you as to meeting me at my front lawn. Are you too afraid of being struck by a passing speeding vehicle coming off or going on to the 695 highway? You shouldn't be because you guys think this area is oh so safe. One thing you should realize by now is. I don't ever give up. I will eventually find the correct email address or correct ear to tell my story.

Thank you.

From: bonita galvin
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 9:56 PM
To: raris@baltometro.org
Cc: dkehinde@sha.state.md.us
Subject: 695 ramp expansion at Leeds Ave 21227

My name is Bonita Baldwin, a local resident and voter. I have been a home owner in Halethorpe since 1977., at 5654 Carville Avenue. (corner of Francis and Carville) I receive and read the Arbutus Times weekly, yet I just found out this evening about the proposal to expand 695 at Leeds Ave. A neighbor called to inform me of the new proposal and that comments are being taken until Monday June 6th. I am very distraught to have been notified at such a late date limiting my time to access this information to others, so that the community will have time to respond to this proposal.

I personally wish to express my problem with this proposal. The traffic in front of my home already impacts my ability to get in and out of my driveway in a timely fashion. The proposed new access ramp to 695 off Southwest Blvd will increase traffic at the corner where my home is located, as residents use Tom Day Blvd to reach Southwest Blvd. The county school bus picks up directly across from my home on the Francis Ave side, I am concerned of the safety of children due to the increase of traffic, There is also a large amount of foot traffic from commuters crossing the Ridge Avenue Bridge whose safety would also be affected by an increase in traffic flow.

I also am concerned about a local business, whose existence would be eliminated if this project was to go thru as presently planned. The local veterinarian office of Dr, Shuh on Leeds Avenue would cease to exist. I am only one of a hundred local residents who depend on this wonderful veterinarians' office to care for our pets-members of our family-in a kind and compassionate manner. This family even opens the doors to the office on a Sunday, after church, when necessary. The combination of exceptional skill as a Doctor combined with a dedication to the community is hard to find. This community does not want to lose Dr. Shuh or his family. The building which houses his business is also his family's home. I am personally offended that such little consideration is given to a family in our community and the livelihood of that family. I sincerely believe that since we are spending an extra million dollars of tax payers money to re-route 695 that the designer of the highway could spare the home and business of Dr. Shuh.

Sincerely,

Bonita M. Baldwin

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE BALTIMORE REGION FY 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) BY THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) OF THE BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD (BRTB)

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WHEREAS, the CAC has reviewed the FY 2011 – 2014 TIP Amendment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the following comments pertaining to the amendments to the 2011 – 2014 TIP are hereby submitted by the CAC to the BRTB for consideration of incorporation into the projects:

TIP # 63-0601-41 'I-695 Widening Between I-95 and MD 122 and Study for a new Ramp Near Leeds Avenue and US 1

The CAC endorses the proposed TIP amendment conditional on the following provisions:

1. Greater detail is required under the section 'Justification';
 - a. Define the communities potentially impacted by the by the proposed ramp.
 - b. Describe the potential impacts to the capacity of I-695
2. Describe the accommodations proposed or anticipated for the improved MARC station access (e.g. parking, station improvements).
3. Of the proposed lanes added to I-695, one in each direction shall be designated as MTA and HOV only.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the CAC thanks the BRTB for this opportunity to participate through this opportunity to comment on the BRTB TIP Amendments. The CAC thanks the BRTB staff for facilitating our participation.

Submitted by;

Stephen Lauria
Vice-Chair, BRTB Citizen Advisory Committee
Chair, Policy and Legislation Sub Committee

Minority Comments:

- o Study needs to look at extra lane for HOV and express bus lanes.
- o Regarding HOV lanes-- Not clear that the congestion is sufficient to justify the use.
- o Inform neighborhood associations and elected officials in area where project will be occurring.

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TIP # 61-0605-41 MD 175 improvements MD 295-MD 170

The CAC endorses the proposed TIP amendment conditional on the following provisions applicable to all proposed options:

1. Revise the proposed 5-foot wide walkway to 8-feet on the north side of the road to accommodate both bicycles and pedestrians.
2. Separate sidewalks horizontally from roadway by at least 6-feet where practicable
3. Where pedestrians and cyclists are to be combined, provide pavement markings and signage to guide the separation of uses and to minimize conflicts.
4. Provide marked crosswalks with signage for pedestrians and motorists at intersections
5. Alternate 2A is the preferred option
6. Of the new lanes added, one in each direction shall be designated for use by HOV and MTA only
7. Justification;
 - a. Greater detail is required (e.g. current counts, projected counts,
 - b. Describe anticipated impacts to MD 295, I 95 and MD 170
 - c. Describe the potential impacts to communities impacted by the proposed improvements.

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Minority Comments:

- Personally I not sure that the current levels of congestion justify a HOV lane, but since we could not have meeting to discuss this I am willing to support the overall recommendation.
- Contact neighborhoods and elected officials of areas where the affected project improvements will be occurring.

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11-14 TIP Amendment 60-9504-04 ‘Areawide Congestion Management’

The CAC endorses the proposed TIP amendment conditional on the following provisions:

1. Pedestrian oriented signalization consisting of clear demarcation of crossings at all signalized intersections; pavement markings, pylons, signage, electronic walk signs, etc. shall be integrated into the signalization upgrades.

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Submitted by;

Stephen Lauria
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From: Frank Sopato
Sent: Sunday, June 26, 2011 9:02 PM
To: dkehinde@sha.state.md.us
Cc: mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org; lukehospital@
Subject: Alternative proposal for new ramp for 28 June BRTB meeting

TO: Damilola Kehinde
MD State Highway Administration

My name is Frank Sopato. I have assisted Drs. Luke and Danielle Suh in preparing the following for presentation to the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board meeting on June 28, 2011. I thought it would be very useful if you could see a copy of this prior to the meeting. Please call me at 410-544-9946 with any questions or if you have any suggestions on how we might improve the presentation. We will be attending the board meeting on the 28th. Thank you for your kind attention in this matter..Frank Sopato

TO: Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

SUBJECT: Alternative Proposal to Design of a New Ramp Connection to Inner Loop Of I-695 Near Leeds Avenue and US 1 in Arbutus

DISCUSSION: The current I-695 project involves designing a new ramp connection to the Inner Loop of I-695 near Leeds Avenue and US 1 in Arbutus. The proposal is for \$1 Million to design the new ramp connection. However, based on the latest 2007 figures available to us, the eventual cost of this plan would be at least \$6 Million and would involve the removal of the existing Leeds avenue ramp to I-695 and the relocation/demolition of the heavily used and very popular Arbutus Veterinary Hospital at 4901 Leeds Avenue.

The owners of the veterinary hospital, Drs. Luke and Danielle Suh respectfully request that the following alternative to the new ramp over US 1 be submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration for an engineering feasibility study. This alternative would alleviate the traffic congestion problem currently encountered by MARC train commuters during the evening rush hours but require no relocations or construction of an overpass over Route 1.

Additionally, this alternative should meet the needs of the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department as well as permitting current Arbutus residents and businesses to use the existing Leeds avenue access ramp.

Basically, this alternative would require construction of a level one-way access road stretching westerly from Southwestern Blvd (RT 1) to Leeds Avenue. This area lies just south of and under the Baltimore Beltway outer loop overpass. New traffic lights would be required at the / junctions of RT 1/Southwestern Blvd and where the new road would join Leeds Avenue. That traffic would then continue north on Leeds avenue before joining up with the existing ramp from Leeds Avenue onto I-695. Significantly, this new access road would be built on land currently government owned so NO building demolition or relocation would be required, thereby reducing costs.

We believe this alternative would reduce traffic congestion through downtown Arbutus at a significantly lower cost while avoiding disruption to important existing community support services on Leeds avenue. Attached is a preliminary drawing of this alternative proposal.



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