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Subject: Raber Road Multi-Use Trail
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Council members and others,

As a resident of Green at 2086 East Park Drive, I live within a half mile from Raber Road. I am in full support of the Raber Road Multi-use Trail.

I am an avid runner and long distance runner at that. I have been known to train on the roads surrounding my home which include Mayfair, Wise, Greensburg, Massillon, Raber and 619. When I am full-on training, I can run as many as 14 miles at a time. When traffic is heavy along these roads, I find myself having to drive 20 minutes to either North Canton to access the Hoover/Middlebranch trails or to Canal Fulton to access the Towpath. Driving out of my city to an adjacent city adds about 40 minutes to my time on top of the time I had set aside for running.

It would be nice to be able to leave my doorstep and be able to access a sidewalk safely within 5 minutes. My neighborhood has 2 miles of sidewalk and 3 miles if I include the connected condos. The nearest sidewalk outside of my neighborhood is at Troon and the only way for me to access this is to walk/run on Raber for the half mile stretch of road without a sidewalk. As you know there is very berm in some locations and the sides of the road slope down. This presents a very dangerous situation because while watching the berm so I don't trip on broken asphalt or litter, I also have to watch the passing cars so I don't get hit. The quantity of drivers that are distracted and swerve at the last minute is incredible. Just last night, there was a vehicle that was completely over the white line and not paying attention to the road and she had to swerve and I had to move to prevent from being hit. It's really dangerous for anyone to be walking on roads without a sidewalk.

It's not just my safety I'm concerned about but also the children, parents of children and those parents pushing a baby stroller along Mayfair and Raber Roads. Many vehicles pay no attention to these individuals and expect them to move completely off the berm when that is just not possible at times.

I do have a slight concern and wonder why a curb is not being incorporated into the overall design? There's a curb from Massillon to the west side of Avanti and no curb from Avanti to Troon. If the trail is approved by council and extended to Mayfair and a roundabout constructed at Mayfair and Raber won't the roundabout need a curb. Why not install a curb now from Troon to Mayfair and add a level of protection for those using the trail from the distracted drivers?

A couple other comments, will there be any trees planted along the trail to provide some shade on a hot summer day? Will there be any parking access points to allow people who have to drive to access the trail a place to park?

Thank you for taking the time to read this. And I sure hope this passes.

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