

Kevin M. Todd, AICP

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Subject: Bent Creek

Currently 159th street is a small county road. When it was annexed by the city of Westfield, the residents along the road, were led to believe that a large DEVELOPMENT would be built going to the north of the street.

It was also the understanding of the residents, that when the City of Westfield annexed this area, it is taking responsibility for 159th street upgrade and city services.. By adding a south entrance to the Bent Creek DEVELOPMENT (not part of the original development plan), widening of the street is a must to allow any construction traffic to travel on this street safely. This road is only 15 feet wide, 16 feet if you include the shoulders.

I have emailed Kevin Todd concerning this matter. He stated I would need to talk to the engineer Phil Sundling about any concerns regarding this roadway because the APC members would rely on Phil for the construction and safety of this development. Kevin has also stated in his email that is was very unlikely any opportunity for public comment at Monday's meeting regarding this item would occur. I called and spoke to Phil on March 1st, 2016. It was my understanding he agreed that having construction traffic on this narrow road was very hazardous. A fully loaded tri-axle weights over 60,000 pounds. Phil also agreed that something must be done prior to allowing any construction vehicles to start the south entrance. He thought it may be possible to widening the road to the north (about 10 feet) with at least gravel, if not pavement, and it would be important to do so before ANY construction vehicles are allowed on this roadway. Phil said that he was going to speak to Kevin Todd with his concerns regarding this matter.

According to the schedule Kevin sent me, any work by the city would not start for at least 2 years, Spring of 2018. I'm writing this letter to hopefully inform the staff and the Commission of the danger of this future construction and I feel it is important for the city of Westfield to always make PUBLIC SAFETY number one in any consideration over any development. Thank you for your time and assistance regarding this matter and keeping Westfield residents safe while traveling that area.

Best Regards,

Patrick Heitz