

Mayor McNamara and Members of Council,

I am writing this letter to share my thoughts and express my concerns over the proposed plan to extend the trail down Riverside Dr. E. I can appreciate that in a wide – open, vast and empty space of town property that the Town of Tecumseh or surrounding areas would support a trail continuing down one of the main roads in their city. But everyone has to face the cold hard facts – that is not the situation that we are faced with nor is it one that can be safely created or envisioned.

Instead, we are faced with a dreamland vision/project of a trail extension in a residential area where it just doesn't work. Citizen's property, the promise to uphold safety and environmental factors are all at risk with this project the way it is currently planned. While I support and welcome improvement and agree that we absolutely need a safer place to ride our bikes and walk, the current plan as outlined is not the right answer in my opinion.

There is no reason why this plan can not be revised. Rather than try to create this unrealistic vision in this space, let's amend the plan and work within some realistic boundaries. A multi-use trail in the proposed space is dangerous and concerning for both the environment & property owners.

We live on Riverside Drive and part of the beauty of the area is our breathtaking magnolia tree at the front of the property. This tree is irreplaceable and a sentimental piece of history for the family that planted it many years ago. It is unfathomable to even imagine it being gone or negatively affected in years to come. I second all of the other reasons that our neighbours have to be listened to and heard.

The layout of the proposed plan and vision is impractical for the space. I personally ask that council sees this side and speaks up to realize that this project as planned is only a dream and not one that should come true in its entirety. I share the vision of a safer space and would love to see it beautified and more accessible.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to voice my opinions.

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