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Subject: Traffic from Eastwood Preserve into SE 51st Street in Green Grove subdivision.

EDA Consultants Inc. estimates there will be 75 to 100 vehicles entering and leaving Eastwood Preserve through Green Grove Subdivision via SE 51st Street to the Hawthorne Road, US Hwy. 20, each day. This large number of vehicles is a big concern for me and several other residents of Green Grove that I have talked with. Our main concern is that SE 51st street, 50th Street and 49th Drive are connected by SE 20th Avenue which means there can be added traffic on 50th and 49th.

I would like to make the following suggestion to keep the remaining part of 51st, 50th and 49th protected from the additional traffic. As one would leave Eastwood Preserve to 51st, make that a left turn only. Place a no right turn sign and construct a concrete divider that would keep vehicles from having any ability to turn right. This would allow residential, emergency, mail delivery, school busses, garbage trucks, etc. to use 51st normally while keeping Eastwood traffic from using the remaining parts of 51st, 50th and 49th as an entrance to or exit from Eastwood. We feel it is imperative that no traffic leaving or entering Eastwood would have the ability to use the remaining part of 51st and 50th Street or 49th Drive as an entrance or exit. For if there is a way it will be used and take away the tranquility we now enjoy in Green Grove,

Another concern is that if traffic from Eastwood using 51st also can use 50th and 49th streets as a means of entering or exiting Eastwood the short turn lanes into 50th and 49th traffic might back up into the travel lanes on Hawthorn Road. Plus, you will have additional traffic using 51st, 50th, and 49th, all trying to enter or leave Hawthorne Road by turning right or even more troubling turning left. Three lanes that are too close for safety.

We do understand that Eastwood Preserve is required and has the right to have this as an entrance to their subdivision via SE 51st Street which is a county road. However, this has a huge negative impact on 51st from the entrance/exit of Eastwood to Hawthorne Road. We would like to keep this negative impact from the remaining 51st, 50th and 49th where residents walk, walk their dogs, children play in the streets, and cars part on the street.

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