



Hamilton County Engineer
138 East Court Street
Room 700
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Dear Mr. Hubbard and Ms. Stammer:

The team at Real Human Performance submits this letter as a follow-up to the verbal statements offered to the September 28 TID committee. This written statement pertains to the proposed changes to the intersection at the corner of Bramble and Plainville Rd. As community members and small business owners at 4300 Plainville Rd, we have a clear and vested interest in the happenings of this project and the potential demolition of our current business location.

In addition to the numerous Comment Sheets submitted to ODOT, highlighted below is a synopsis of data points that call to question the viability, necessity and transparency of this major construction project.

1) Project is currently estimated at \$2.2 million; any cost overrun on the construction project falls back to the township taxpayers. To date, the Columbia Township has not communicated this fact to the taxpayers.

2) Regarding the September 10 Township meeting, Real Human Performance, other businesses and Columbia Township residents received <48 hours notice of to attend the (first and only) community meeting on the proposed project. RHP first received the letter because a concerned neighbor brought us a copy to ensure we were aware of the meeting.

3) Regarding the September 28 Township meeting, Jennifer Wright (Real Human Performance) and Mike Lemon engaged in a one hour side bar session at which time Mr. Lemon stated that he was advised not to inform RHP of the proposed project impacting the taxpayers and 4300 Plainville Rd during the early stages of the building's improvement phase. This phase lasted from April 2015 to August 2015.

3) Only two options were presented on the ODOT notification, however in reality, there are four options: (1) Roundabout (plan would demolish RHP facility), (2) Signalized intersection (plan would demolish RHP facility), (3) No Change and Enforcement of current traffic signals and (4) Update signage and signals to reflect a most effective traffic flow (e.g., left turn arrows).

4) ODOT and Columbia Township communicated that safety is the motivation behind the proposed changes in intersection. ODOT expressed that severity of accidents was the most important factor of safety concerns. Per ODOT consultant, KZF, there were only three accidents in the past four years that involved an injury.

5) Mayor of Mariemont and Mariemont Fire/Police Chief oppose construction changes at this intersection. In terms of safety, due to law enforcement mutual aid, both offices verbalized a non-support of the project knowing that the engineering dimensions will not safely support a 70,000lb, 40ft fire truck through the intersection.

6) The area is a high pedestrian foot traffic area. With many people crossing the intersection, a roundabout poses many potential dangers to crossing pedestrians. Statistics from many other municipalities support the increase in accidents at a roundabout by 27% (e.g., Marquette, MI study).

7) Columbia Township deemed this projects a movement for "economic development." Given that we are a newly established and rapidly growing business, we feel as if it would have the opposite effect. We placed a significant investment in the location 4300 Plainville Rd, as it took four months to revitalize. Per ODOT, the allotted funds to move a tenant is significantly less than the original investment made by Real Human Performance. This project also affects many other local businesses, including the United Dairy Farmers, Bramble Patch, Arena Lounge and many others.

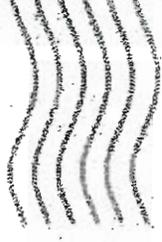
In short, Real Human Performance, other local businesses and residents stand to lose the most. So, what is the up side; who gains? The entire community and surrounding communities are impacted by this project and a resounding majority stands in opposition. We ask you to strongly consider the voice of the people who drive, walk, live and provide economic and community development. Thank you for your time and foresight.

Thank you and be well,


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