

My name is Lynne Rose. I am a 13 year resident of Mission Hills and the President of the Mission Hills Architectural Review Board. My neighborhood, Mission Hills, is nestled in between and runs parallel to Great Seneca Highway and Belward Farm.

I am here tonight to talk to you about the proposed route of the Corridor Cities Transit Way that seems to be currently favored by MTA. The original CCT route was planned to have 2 stops at the Great Seneca Science Corridor Development-one at DANAC and one on Discoverly Drive on the west side of Great Seneca Highway. The route being proposed now has three stops with the third stop being close to the Belward farmhouse. After the Belward stop on the farm, the CCT will then continue on the farm and then turn right onto Muddy Branch Road where it would stay on the Mission Hills side of Muddy Branch before it meets up with Great Seneca Highway. I am very concerned with this particular part of the route because we only have one entrance into Mission Hills and the CCT will be crossing it many times a day. This will obviously greatly interfere with our ability to get into and out of our neighborhood, and it is going to be very difficult for any emergency vehicles to access Mission Hills.

Over the past 13 years, I have seen a major change in the amount of traffic that moves through this area. The traffic has increased dramatically and this has happened before any of the Great Seneca Science Corridor has been built. It is already very challenging to enter and exit our neighborhood during peak driving hours. With the CCT running every 6 minutes during rush hour, it will create an impossible situation for us. It is extremely important to keep the CCT away from Muddy Branch. I encourage you to strongly consider the other alternatives that allow you to keep the Belward stop but leave the farm using the extended Discoverly Drive or by making a wide U-turn and going back onto Key West Avenue.

When the County Council was debating this plan, they heard an unprecedented amount of concern over the amount of density that was going to be allowed under the new plan. The council reduced the density by a small margin, but the traffic congestion is still going to be a major problem especially in the immediate area and a major portion of the traffic will be on Muddy Branch. The CCT will only make problems worse for Mission Hills. Please give our neighborhood a small break and take the CCT off of Muddy Branch!

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Rose