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Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Possible Long-Range Transportation Plan Amendment  
Follow-Up Questionnaire

1. On which street do you live?

Robert H. ALFORD 6800 Richardson Rd.  
ph# 365-3030

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

Opposed

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

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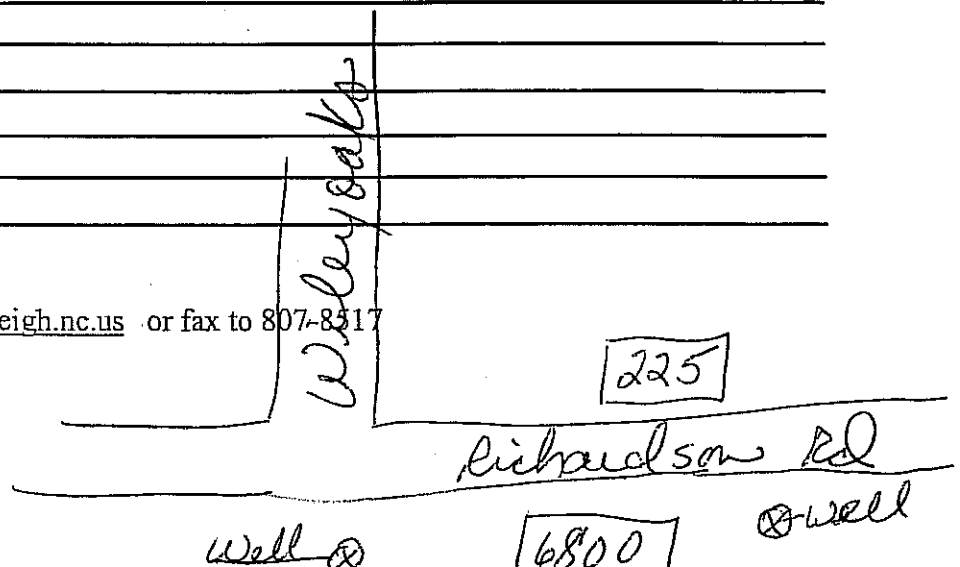
4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

It will be in my front YARD + take some  
of my mothers side yard @ 225 Wiley Oaks.  
My Mother died in October 2005, My sister is  
living in this house. It is all she's got, doesn't have money  
to move elsewhere.

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

I HAVE 2 wells in my front yard. Neither do we.  
Please go the Southern Route.

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June 13, 2006

Ms. Diane Wilson  
Senior Planner  
Capital Area MPO

Ref: Alignment of Proposed Southern Wendell Bypass

Dear Ms. Wilson:

I am writing you about the proposed revision of the alignment for the Southern Wendell Bypass.

I own property on Richardson Road. If the proposed revision is approved, I will lose my house and property. I do not believe that Richardson Road can handle the volume of traffic that would be placed on this road. The land on both sides of Richardson Road is still being farmed at this time. If the revision is approved, it will be very dangerous for tractors and other farm equipment that travel this road to get to and from the farm land. I do not believe that Mercury Development nor the Town of Wendell has given one good reason to move the roadway north way to connect to the existing Richardson Road between Martin Pond Road and Poole Road.

At the Public Information Session held on June 6, 2006, Mr. Greg Ferguson stated that the cost was not the reason for moving the roadway to the north. I believe that it would cost more to construct the roadway to the south and it would take longer for Mr. Ferguson to get the permits that would be needed to cross the wetlands. That is the main reason Mr. Ferguson wants to move the roadway to the north.

I had a meeting with Mr. Ferguson at my house on June 2, 2006. Mr. Ferguson stated to me that he was ready to start construction on the Wendell Falls roadway and that he didn't care what direction it went. He also stated that the Town of Wendell was the one that wanted to move the roadway to the north. He further stated that the property owners on Richardson Road would be fighting the Town of Wendell if we wanted to stop the proposed revision.

After attending two Public Information Sessions, I now know that I cannot trust nor believe anything the Town of Wendell nor Mercury Development tells me or anyone else. I believe the southern route that was proposed by the N. C. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is the best route for everyone because it affects the least number of homeowners.

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Please do not let the Town of Wendell and Mercury Development move the roadway to the north. I have worked all my life so that I could have a home to call my own. There are many, many years of family heritage, values, and pride associated with the farm land on Richardson Road. Please do not allow the Town of Wendell and Mercury Development to take away my home and property from me, as well as the other residents associated with Richardson Road that have come to love and enjoy the quietness and peacefulness of living on this simple road.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns and opinions and for your consideration.

Regards,



Clifford R. Richardson  
6608 Richardson Road  
Wendell, NC 27591

~~These were not prepared.~~

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208 Wiley OAKS Drive

No one was prepared for the meeting. I hope next time this will not occur.

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?  
My wife & I are against the propose change because of negative impact to quality of life, security, noise, & possible negative impact to our property value.

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?  
This is not a good plan to the residents.

We agree with the comments that Government should not force private citizens off their properties.

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?  
Richardson Road change, it negatively impacts our property values because of

The four lane road should be on the pool road segment, not Richardson road.

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

The officials that conducted the meetings was not prepared. When you make a proposal you should have a better grasp of the time frame to specifically address citizens concerns. Not just brush over their concerns. It was not completely thought thru.

property values decrease  
security  
Quality of life

Environmental concerns, Economic reasons are valid. But it is clearly ofst words. Details of substance would be appreciated.

We will be contacting elected officials of our concerns

Development is good, when Planning  
make sense. It was very disappointing  
that officials, would not step up  
& respond to questions. It proves  
the point of half baked Ideas. I would  
like the real reasons<sup>to</sup> be explained ~~specifically~~  
specifically why the change. The City  
should come clean. The developer  
should come clean & explain the real  
reasons. Real leadership don't hide behind <sup>words.</sup>

I hope all future meeting would not be  
at 4:00 in the afternoon. That sends  
a Bad message. ~~Evening~~ meetings  
of this magnitude should ~~be~~ appropriate  
be an  
time 6:30 - 7:00 pm - not 4:00 pm!

\* We would like to see a Revised Proposal  
considered by the Developer & DOT that  
excludes using Richardson Rd as a main  
Two lane on four lane Rd.

From: Eric Toney

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1. On which street do you live?

I live in the Wiley Oaks Subdivision (108 Wiley Oaks)

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

I am strongly opposed to this new proposal  
I am  
Strongly Against the new proposal. For the existing one.

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

N/A

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

see below

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

I have several concerns/worries about the proposed plan. I will list them in order of importance.  
- I live in a quiet neighborhood with a 5 year old daughter & another child on the way, ~~with~~ if this new highway is adopted, I am afraid the greatly increased traffic will make it unsafe for my family. Also, I am very worried about noise pollution. I assume you have plans for noise walls or noise barriers to protect the existing subdivision.

- I am worried I will have a difficult time entering & exiting my subdivision (Wiley Oaks). I assume some plans for a turn lane or stoplight... would be required.

I also don't want to be annexed into the city limits & this would most certainly mean I would be sooner rather than later

Finally, I am going to attempt to tactfully tell you how I see it.

I am disgusted with the way DOT & the state in general is handling this. I now realize the only reason this new route will be adopted is because the developer has agreed to fund the proposed route. I am sure he will only 4 lane ~~to~~ his property line thus leaving the area I am concerned with (Richardson Rd.) 2 lane. Eventually, the state will still end up 4 laning this Rd thus not saving that much. The adopted route impacts far less houses & appears to be a straighter (better route) Tell the developer he can ~~wait~~ either fund the adopted route or wait until money is available from DOT. The existing homes should get a louder voice than the developer. We didn't ask for this.

My wife & I are strongly opposed to the new proposed route.

Transfer Toney Eric Toney

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1. On which street do you live?

Michael Adams, 132 Wiley Oaks Dr.

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2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

I am opposed to the proposed amendment to the southern Wendell route.

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3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

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4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

The northern proposal (using Richardson Rd.) will have a detrimental affect to more home owners property than the original proposed route.

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5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

The proposed change in the route will decrease the value of our property. We have family on both sides of Richardson Rd. and the newly proposed route change will greatly decrease the value of their property. If Mercury Development only paves a two lane road as stated in the 6/6/06 meeting and DOT keeps the proposed 4 lane in the improvement plans then the current Richardson Rd. property owners (if they choose to do so) could never sell their property. Any potential buyers would never purchase land that would be taken for DOT road improvements.

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I am extremely opposed to the fact that traffic from Wiley Oaks Dr. to Richardson Rd. would be restricted (per previous information provided by Mercury Development) to right turn only.

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Even though Wendell is the closest township to the proposed road change, I believe the homeowners most affected by the route change are not adequately represented in these discussions with DOT. Because of disclosed meeting

information, Wendell should not have formed agreements with developers that concerned homeowners NOT in their township.

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1. On which street do you live?

My deceased parents' estate is located on the North side of Richardson Rd. and my elderly grandparents own farmland on both sides of the road. This is where I was raised, my son was raised, and land that I stand to inherit and pass on to my children someday.

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2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

This proposal is the product of one greedy land developer and a few shady, local politicians that weren't elected by, nor represent, the affected residents. The fact that Mr. Furgeson, of Mercury Development, and most of the town of Wendell's staff didn't even want a hearing for the affected residents and attempted to talk CAMPO out of having it, tells me that the NCDOT nor CAMPO should trust either of them.

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

NA

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4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

The total disregard for homes, history and local people who are not represented by Wendell town politicians.

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5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

Mercury Development only wants to move the proposed road to speed up their development and pad their wallets, not to benefit the public or local economy. The affected residents can not vote in Wendell town elections, and therefore, are not represented by town officials. The original route accomplishes everything desired by NCDOT, Wendell and Mercury while displacing fewer residents and ruining less farmland and quality of life. The plain fact is; the original, southern route is fine. There is no acceptable reason to change the alignment and displace innocent residents in order to help one developer pad his already thick wallet.

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As a side note, I thought the employees of CAMPO that attended this meeting were all well informed, helpful and handled themselves in a professional manner even in a possibly hostile environment. Good job to them and thank you for this opportunity!

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1. On which street do you live?

I live on N. Selma Rd in Wendell, but my family owns the Richardson Farm

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2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

I feel that it negatively impacts the lives of more current residents than the adopted plan.

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I feel that insufficient evidence has been presented by Mercury Development and the town of Wendell to warrant their proposed change.

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In other words, the change seems to primarily benefit Mercury's bottom line and the town to a minimal extent (having the road ½ mile closer to town), while dramatically impacting far more established homes than the adopted plan would.

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3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

I am not in favor of it.

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4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

I dislike the fact that Mercury's desire to maximize profit and Wendell's desire

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To increase revenue would outweigh the impact on current residents. These impacts range from increased noise and traffic problems to being forced from their homes in some cases.

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I'm not opposed to development, but I feel that it should be done in a responsible way which has the least negative impact on the fewest number of people.

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5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

On a personal note, my family has owned and farmed the land around Richardson Road for more than 150 years. The gravesite at the end of the road of Dr.

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William E. Richardson and the home that he built there are both personally and

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Historically significant. Moving or disturbing either of these would not only be legally challenging, but also a huge tear in the historic fabric of the area. My family takes great pride in this land and our connection to it. We feel it would do a great disservice to the history of the area to forcibly divide our farm for no more greater good than has been presented by Mercury or the town of Wendell.

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1. On which street do you live?

Wiley Oaks Dr.

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

Do not support the proposed route.

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

Nothing!!!

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

will disrupt too many families

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

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1. On which street do you live?

Wiley Oaks

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

use the southern proposal

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

~~no~~

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

the disorganization & unanswered? that the town & developers didn't answer

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

It is being built for Wendell Falls - not Wendell

Those residents will work & play in Raleigh -

Wendell is historic & needs to remain that way

Be careful what you ask for -

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1. On which street do you live?

Leas Club Road Wendell

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

Richardson Road connection is important  
for Wendell, Johnston County & the  
community

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

yes

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

The area needs a direct future  
connection to the By Pass.  
That would give it



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1. On which street do you live?

11300 Poole Road

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

Highly Opposed

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

Lost of my home & family farm

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

The original proposed plan would work as well and not affect families. No good reasons were given to explain why the change was requested.

Ernest & Virginia Brunton

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Joseph Hatcher

1. On which street do you live?

1825 Eagle Rock Rd., Wendell, NC

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

Very opposed

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

The proposed plan would take my property -

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

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Christopher Curtis

1. On which street do you live?

1825 Eagle Rock Rd., Wendell

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

Opposed

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

It will take my property -

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

<sup>miserly</sup>  
Human factor is unreal.

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*Ann Curtis Hatcher*

1. On which street do you live?

*1825 Eagle Rock Rd., Wendell*

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

*Very opposed*

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

*It will take my property -*

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

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1. On which street do you live?

6608 Richardson

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

Opposed To Road Improvement on Richardson  
RD.

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

No

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

I will lose my property.

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

I believe this comes down to a  
money issue. The town and the Development  
company stands to gain.

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1. On which street do you live?

Nutcr Trail in TANNERS CREEK

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

I'm very much against it. I'll have a  
HLANE Hwy. in my backyard. I just moved  
here from Charlotte & thought I was moving to the  
country!

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

The H Lane Hwy. next to my house.

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

When I was looking to purchase ~~my house~~  
a house in this area I would not  
even look at a house near a  
highway.

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1. On which street do you live?

1829 Eagle Rock Rd

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

I do not want this road built  
through my home

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

X

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

losing my home

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

please don't do it

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1. On which street do you live?

Lathrop Lane

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

I am in total disagreement with both proposals, but especially the new proposal.

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

The impact to my property value, as well as the impact of noise. I just moved from No. Raleigh to get away from the noise of air traffic - I do not want noise from traffic!!

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

This proposal should <sup>not</sup> be adopted if you should think about how you are impacting the lives of the community. You are talking about diverting traffic from Wendee - do you live there and don't care about the impact to us in Tarras Creek. I moved into my home 1 month ago & am appalled that I have to deal with this.

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1. On which street do you live?

Wiley Oaks Drive

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

Do NOT WANT Proposed Change Adopted

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

I will be virtually trapped in my subdivision

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

People walk, jog, ride horses + bike on Richardson Rd  
It would change our way of life, + ruin our neighborhood

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1. On which street do you live?

Wiley Oaks Drive

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

Doesn't matter at all

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

It will be a whole lot of improvement, after learning on Wiley Oaks Drive for 14 years

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

It will be a lot more "Traffic" and noisy

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

Just so I can get out of Wiley Oaks Drive safely, with out clogged up traffic.

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1. On which street do you live?

6828 Lake Myra Rd

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

do not like proposal

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

NO

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

Mom a dad's home will be gone.

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

il like the 25 yr plan.

Keep the downtown Route

TO: Coastal Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

FROM: Mary Spivey  
11320 Poole Rd  
Wendell, NC 27591

DATE: June 6, 2006

RE: Southern Wendell Bypass

There are several reasons (public and personal) why I am against the proposed shifted alignment of the Southern Wendell Bypass.

1. Extending Richardson Rd. across Poole Rd. will be creating a dangerous and deadly intersection due to a slight hill and curve in Poole Rd right before you get to Richardson Rd. You do not see Richardson Rd until you come over the hill and then you are right there. Cars on Poole Rd are traveling too fast to be able to stop at this intersection. I know how dangerous it is because I cross the road to my mailbox every day. Also, there has been an accident where someone ran into the back of my cousin's car while turning into her driveway across from Richardson Rd.
2. My family and numerous friends are within walking distance of my house. We have lived close together all our lives and do not want to move. We live on the land that has been in our families for generations. Most of the people affected in our neighborhood are over 50 years of age and are retired or soon to be retired. Our houses are paid for. To start over somewhere else would be costly and most of us are on fixed incomes. If our homes are not taken we won't be able to get out of our driveways safely due to the added traffic of people using the new four lane highway.
3. I use Richardson Rd to take walks for exercise and to remember growing up in our neighborhood. I enjoy these walks and changing this to a four lane road will eliminate this resource for me and others that use this road for this purpose..
4. I believe the Southern Wendell Bypass will take people away from Wendell rather than bring them to it. People will be using the road to get to Raleigh for work and shopping, not to come to Wendell.
5. Many of us who live on and around Richardson Rd. have spent several sleepless nights since we learned of this proposal. We are worried about our homes, our neighbors, and our community for now and the future. We want to preserve our safe, quiet, peaceful neighborhood.

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1. On which street do you live?

1833 Eagle Rock Road

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

It appears to take my whole front yard and come up to my front porch. The adopted LRTP Alignment would allow me to live in my house for the rest of my life which is what I planned to do when I bought it in 1997.

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

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4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

I cannot live in my house with a 4-lane road at my front porch. I am 71 yrs. young and moving would break my heart. Before my husband died, we spent quite a bit of money on improvements here.

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

The adopted alignment makes more sense to me than the proposed alignment. I believe it would uproot fewer families.

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1. On which street do you live?

11120 Branding Iron Place - Tanner's Creek

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

I feel it is unnecessary. I feel that I do not want a four lane highway running  
practically through my backyard. This is a small town and my heart goes out  
to those that will be FORCED to leave their homes.

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

The noise pollution it will cause. The intersection it proposes at Poole and  
Richardson. A high number of cars coming straight through our town/area.  
Construction.

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

It's bad enough that there will be 4000 new homes developed very nearby, but to  
Put a 4-lane highway right through our yards is outrageous.

I moved here from Northern Virginia to get away from all the development, 4-6 lane highway, overcrowded schools, stores, parks, etc. The town of Wendell had a reputation of wanting to remain quaint, family-oriented; they did not accept major change easily. That is exactly why we moved to this town. I was shocked to hear that the town of Wendell approves of this road and I never dreamed in a million years that there would be a 4-lane highway running practically through my backyard. It's bad enough that we hear the little traffic on Eagle Rock Road, I can't imagine a highway. And in the winter, we will be able to see it and hear it even moreso. Wendell will never be the same, which is a good and a bad thing. I know that growth is inevitable; but this is outrageous. It breaks my heart that some people will be forced out of their homes. I'm not sure how people that enforce that are able to sleep at night. It's all about the almighty dollar to a big builder. I've seen it get out of control up north, now it's coming to the heart of NC. Sad. Very sad.

There was a comment made by a gentleman at the meeting "Be careful what you ask for." Once a big developer comes in your town, it doesn't stop there. This will be the beginning of the end of a beautiful rural area.

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1. On which street do you live?

Comer of Richardson and Martin Pond

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?  
I'm totally against it

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?  
It affects more existing residents' property. The more southern route  
Only affects the developer's property in the first phase.

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

I own the so called unoccupied house at the start of the proposed new route.  
I bought the home from my Uncle's estate last year in order to renovate it and  
Keep it in my family where it's been since my Great Grandfather, a Civil War  
Veteran and the first Doctor in the area, build it in 1880. This house would have  
Be destroyed or moved to make room for the proposed route. My plans for  
Restoration has been put on hold because of this proposal.  
I feel it is unfair to disturb the history of this site and disrupt the lives of the  
Existing residents whose property is affected just so the developer can save money  
And time in the construction of this road. I don't think Wendell's contention that  
They will be bypassed is not valid because the difference is 4/10 of a mile.

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*Diane Richardson*

DIANE WILSON

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1. On which street do you live?

128 Wiley Oaks Drive, Wendell, NC

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

This is a proposal of special interest groups trying to obtain a situation that will be an advantage for their on personal agenda at the expense of more tax paying property and home owners than original established plan calls for. The original plan for the By-Pass should fulfill the overall need for the global area in question. In my opinion, the known reasons for the new proposal indicate no reasonable logic to negatively impact the lives of the additional Wake County taxpayers.

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

In my personal situation the access to and from Wiley Oaks subdivision will be greatly impacted. There is only one in/out and that's Richardson Road. If traffic is not stopped on Richardson Road turning left in/out will be impossible and turning right going out will be a nightmare with the heavy traffic and watch out for accidents. The noise level will be greatly elevated.

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

I want to see the proposal turned down and I do hope for one time a least politics and special interest will not over-ride logical decision making with taxpayers lives being taken under consideration.

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Follow-Up Questionnaire**

1. On which street do you live?

Stott's Mill Rd

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2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

Just found out about it on June 10 2006. Shouldn't the people on the specified roads being affected, have been notified of the meeting.

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3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

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4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

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5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

When do they usually start buying the land from home owners if this is to be complete in 2030?

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Follow-Up Questionnaire

1. On which street do you live?

BRANDING IRON PLACE, TANNERS CREEK

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

I BELIEVE THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED.  
THE HIGHWAY CHANGE WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR  
PROPERTY VALUES WILL IMPACT THE AREA ENVIRONMENT.

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

THE HIGH TRAFFIC FLOW WILL BE TOO CLOSE TO OUR DEVELOPMENT  
WHICH IMPACT OUR ENTIRE DEVELOPMENT. THE NOISE AND  
FUMES WILL DESTROY OUR AREA

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

I ATTENDED THE MEETING AND BELIEVE THE ONLY BENEFIT  
IS GEARED FOR THE DEVELOPER. THE PROPERTIES ALONG EAGLE  
POINT ROAD WOULD BE RUINED BY THE TRAFFIC FLOW & NOISE.  
THE HOUSES THAT EXIST ALONG BOTH RICHARDSON ROAD AND  
EAGLE POINT WOULD BE RUINED.

*Elmer Brown*

Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
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Follow-Up Questionnaire

1. On which street do you live?

*Branding Iron Pl.*

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

*Totally opposed*

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

*I dislike having a 4 lane highway in  
my back yard creating noise, air pollution  
and loss of country atmosphere!*

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

*This project should remain as  
originally approved. Nothing said at  
the meeting convinced me that a change  
would be beneficial. I thought the  
representatives of the developer and the  
Town of Mansfield were ill prepared to  
answer the property owners' questions!*

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Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Possible Long-Range Transportation Plan Amendment  
Follow-Up Questionnaire

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1. On which street do you live? ~~I~~ I live 11308 Poole Rd Wendell  
I own 30 acre farm with brother and sister 1724 Eagle Rock Rd Wendell

2. What is your feeling about this proposal? The proposed <sup>new</sup> alignment of the southern Wendell Bypass will adversely affect more people ~~than the~~ and homes than the adapted alignment (the people who ~~are~~ are already in this area)

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most? The adverse affect on more people and homes that are already in this area

This proposed new alignment would adversely affect my family

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

The land <sup>homes</sup> that are on Poole Rd are part of family farm that my (Cousin) Virginia Braitson, my Brother Ivan E. Johnson, my sister (Mary Spivey) and I (Billie Poole) own

The 30 acre farm <sup>home</sup> on 1724 Eagle Rock Rd ~~is~~ owned by <sup>sister</sup> brother (Ivan E. Johnson) by sister (Mary J. Spivey) and me (Billie J. Poole) Also my nephew (Allan Johnson) owns an acre of land joining farm on Eagle Rock Rd

The proposed new alignment goes through homes and land owned by Cousin (Virginia Braitson) Brother (Ivan E. Johnson) sister (Mary Spivey) Nephew (Allan Johnson) and me (Billie J. Poole)

To go from Poole Rd. to Eagle Rock Rd. through our home and land where we grew up and that has belonged to our family for years is devastating to us

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Follow-Up Questionnaire

Richardson Road Proposal

1. On which street do you live?

Wiley Oaks Drive

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

It appears that this proposal is Not the best. The DOT proposal appears to be better and has less impact on the number of residents.

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

The median and proposed lanes creates a difficult exit from Wiley Oaks Drive.

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

This proposed project appears to be less beneficial than the DOT proposal. I have no reservations on paving Richardson Road and keeping it 2-lane. The problem is when it becomes 4-6 lanes.

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1. On which street do you live?

I live on N. Selma Rd in Wendell, but my family owns the Richardson Farm

2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

I feel that it negatively impacts the lives of more current residents than the adopted plan.

I feel that insufficient evidence has been presented by Mercury Development and the town of Wendell to warrant their proposed change.

In other words, the change seems to primarily benefit Mercury's bottom line and the town to a minimal extent (having the road ½ mile closer to town), while dramatically impacting far more established homes than the adopted plan would.

3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

I am not in favor of it.

4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

I dislike the fact that Mercury's desire to maximize profit and Wendell's desire

To increase revenue would outweigh the impact on current residents. These impacts range from increased noise and traffic problems to being forced from their homes in some cases.

I'm not opposed to development, but I feel that it should be done in a responsible way which has the least negative impact on the fewest number of people.

5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

On a personal note, my family has owned and farmed the land around Richardson Road for more than 150 years. The gravesite at the end of the road of Dr.

William E. Richardson and the home that he built there are both personally and Historically significant. Moving or disturbing either of these would not only be legally challenging, but also a huge tear in the historic fabric of the area. My family takes great pride in this land and our connection to it. We feel it would do a great disservice to the history of the area to forcibly divide our farm for no more greater good than has been presented by Mercury or the town of Wendell.

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Follow-Up Questionnaire**

1. On which street do you live?

Jerry and Paige Richardson 6625 Richardson Road

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2. What is your feeling about this proposal?

I have **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the proposed alignment. I support the previously adopted alignment of the Southern Wendell Bypass as the route for the Wendell Falls Parkway.

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3. If you are in favor of this proposal, what do you like most?

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4. If you are opposed to this proposal, what do you dislike most?

The first phase of construction on this road threatens my future home and family land. My wife and I are inheriting the brick house located on 1.26 acres at 6621 Richardson Road. We plan to move in by the end of the year after remodeling is complete. Because of the close proximity of Richardson Road to this house, I fear that it will be structurally impacted by first phase of road construction. If there is no structural impact on the house immediately, the close proximity of the house to the road will make it much less desirable (if not intolerable) to live in due to traffic and noise. Also, the proposed route goes through a very old home (at least 125 years old) and historic gravesite that stands at the corner of Richardson Road and Martin Pond Road. This home is owned by my uncle and was purchased recently to preserve the family "home place." The proposed alignment will structurally impact this home.

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5. Please provide any general comments regarding this project:

I have spent many hours researching this proposal over the last two months. I can find no justifiable reason for changing the existing route of the Southern Wendell Bypass. The Town of Wendell and Mercury Development have given

few reasons for their proposal. The first reason being that it provides "connectivity" from the Knightdale 64 bypass to the town of Wendell. The adopted route already provides this in exactly the same route (via Poole Road) with only a ½ mile difference in length. The other reason stated for the proposal is "environmental impact." I find this rationale to be ridiculous. The construction of a 4000 home development over 1200 acres of undeveloped farm and woodland is one huge environmental impact. The adopted route has only one more stream crossing. The Town of Wendell and Mercury Development has this very stream planned to be crossed by a "connector" road in their PUD document. Basically they are saying that they cannot cross this stream with the Wendell Falls Parkway, but can cross it later with another street. I feel that this entire proposal is not justifiable given the reasons expressed by The Town of Wendell and Mercury Development. To date, neither party has offered any further justification or reasoning behind this proposal. Given the magnitude of impact this proposal would have on my wife and I, my family and my community, I would like to see The Town of Wendell and Mercury Development be held accountable for their proposal.

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# **Request for Reconsideration**

**Purpose:** The Richardson Family and members of the Richardson Road community request that the Town of Wendell Board of Commissioners reconsider their position, as stated in the resolution signed April 10, 2006, supporting the alignment of Wendell Falls Parkway with Richardson Road.

**Alternative Suggestion:** The Richardson Family and members of the Richardson Road community request that the Town of Wendell Board of Commissioners consider supporting the previously adopted route of the Southern Wendell Bypass (as shown in the N.C. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan) as the new alignment of Wendell Falls Parkway. This route would begin at the Knightdale-Eagle Rock Road interchange/Knightdale 64 Bypass, travel southwest and connect to Poole Road at the intersection of Martin Pond Road.

**Why:** The objectives stated in the resolution and at public information meetings as reasons for the proposed alignment are each fulfilled by the previously adopted route of the Southern Wendell Bypass (LRTP):

- Allow for the connection of Wendell Falls Parkway to the Knightdale-Eagle Rock Road Interchange.
- Provide connectivity between The Town of Wendell and the Knightdale 64 Bypass (via Poole Road), while traveling through the boundaries of the Wendell Falls Development.
- Be funded by Mercury Development at no cost to The Town of Wendell and NCDOT.
- Location of this road would fall totally within the boundaries of the Wendell Falls Development with less impact on the surrounding community.
- Provide an access for commuters in which traffic can access the US 64 Bypass from areas to the south and east of Wendell.
- Alignment would be consistent with Wake County's Thoroughfare Plan.
- Alignment would allow for future construction of Wendell's Southern Bypass as indicated on the 2030 LRTP.
- Alignment would decrease the traffic load on Wendell Boulevard by providing an additional route to the Knightdale 64 Bypass.
- Environmental impact concerns can be properly permitted and mitigated for.

**Why Not the Richardson Road Alignment:** The proposed route of Wendell Falls Parkway has many negative impacts:

- High level of impact on the existing community.
- Private land and property, owned by non-Wendell citizens will have to be obtained by use of eminent domain for road improvements to Richardson Road by the Town of Wendell during the first phase of construction.
- At this time there is no guarantee that more land or homes sites will be "taken" during the first phase of the proposed road improvements on Richardson Road.

- Private land and property, owned by non-Wendell citizens (including houses) will have to be obtained for road improvements to Richardson Road for the future construction of Wendell's Southern Bypass (or necessary widening due to traffic load) by the appropriate regulating authority.
- Property values of land and homes located in close proximity to the proposed route will be lowered due to eventual construction of a high use, limited access road. Houses located directly on Richardson Road will be difficult to sell when conditions become intolerable because of future plans of road construction.

**Supporting Facts:**

- The proposed route of Wendell Falls Parkway provides approximately only ½ mile shorter route into The Town of Wendell from the Knightdale 64 Bypass.
- The use of the previously adopted route of Wendell's Southern Bypass would allow for easy access to town.
- Mercury Development has stated publicly that both routes would cost approximately the same to construct.
- Mercury Development has publicly stated the construction and use of either route would not cause an untimely separation from the project.
- Mercury Development has stated that, though they are not in favor of the previously adopted route of the Southern Wendell Bypass, they will build the road wherever The Town of Wendell requires them to.
- The intersection of Poole Road and Martin Pond Road is almost totally surrounded by Wendell Falls Development LLC owned land, thus allowing very little (if any) private land to be "needed" for this intersection and the strong probability that no home sites will be structurally impacted by initial construction.
- The Army Corp of Engineers has said that in cases where people's homes and land are endangered by a specific alignment of a road, they are willing to work with developers to lesson property owner impact.
- The Town of Wendell will have to obtain by use of eminent domain and destroy/move a historically significant structure that is at least 125 years old.
- Poole Road is listed in the 2030 LRTP to improved to four lanes.

**Conclusion:** By allowing the previously adopted route of the Wendell Southern Bypass (LRTP) to serve as the new Wendell Falls Parkway, all criteria for the proposed route will be effectively met. In conjunction with this, community impacts would be reduced to a tolerable level and all parties involved would be served (The Town of Wendell and it's citizens, Wake County and it's citizens, Mercury Development, Wendell Falls Development LLC, and the Richardson Road Community).