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NKP Corridor, Indianapolis, IN

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From: Dr Robert Lehnert, 6260 N Chester AV, Indianapolis, IN 46220. Phone: 317-253-6569

RE: FD-36137-0 NKP Corridor

I object to the actions of the city councils of Fishers, IN and Noblesville, IN regarding the reuse of the NKP corridor for a path. My objections fall into two categories. My first objection is that the two city councils have not allowed sufficient public input. The second objection regards the fact that the Metropolitan Planning Authority (MPO) has designated the NKP corridor as a route within the Northeast Corridor for light rail. I will discuss each objection in more detail below.

Insufficient Public Input: The NKP Corridor runs from Noblesville, IN to downtown Indianapolis, as distance of about 20 miles. Any reuse of this right-of-way has implications for those of us that live along the corridor. There needs to be public meetings that address the concerns of all of us that live by it.

Designated as a Transit Route by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): The MPO has designated the NKP Corridor as a transit route for the regional transit system. Converting any part of this corridor excludes other use of it, such as for light rail.

One estimate of the value of the land in the NKP Corridor is \$20 million, if used for transit. With federal matching money of another \$20 million, this corridor is worth approximately \$40 million.

I certify that these comments have been provided to the Applicant's Attorney of Record via email. /S/ Robert G Lehnert.