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**[MPC Comment] Harpers Cove 10-SE-17-C**

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**Knoxville-Knox County MPC,**

If the Harper's Cove subdivision is approved, it will only be adding to the frustrated Knox County residents who do not have a way to walk or ride bikes on South Northshore Drive between Concord Park South and the Choto Circle.

The single most impactful thing that Knox County can do for our safety, for our quality of life, and for our property values, is to give us walkability on South Northshore Drive. Please do not allow anymore development in this area without including walkability plans.

South Northshore Drive is the only way to access Concord Park from the Jefferson Park Subdivision, the YMCA adjacent to Jefferson Park, and all subdivisions west of Jefferson Park. Approving the proposed Harper's Cove subdivision without including walkability on South Northshore Drive will only make the situation worse.

South Northshore Drive is narrow and has no shoulders. The sides of the road drop down into a tight, overgrown ditch. It is not walkable, and there is no where else to walk or ride a bike, other than in the traffic lane.

Traffic has greatly increased over the past few years due to all the new homes and subdivisions that have been built in this corner of Knox County. Three years ago my Junior High kid was the only student in Jefferson Park getting on and off the Farragut bus. Now there are at least 20. The number of kids getting on and off the school buses has dramatically increased.

This situation is a tragedy waiting to happen. Kids can not get home, get to school, or get to Concord Park on foot, without mixing with the traffic on South Northshore. Please do not wait for a tragedy to happen before a walkway is added.

Concord Park is located less than 1/2 mile from Jefferson Park; a 10 minute walk if we had access. The proposed Harper's Cove subdivision will be even closer. At night we can see the lights at the baseball fields and hear the crowds cheering, but the only way we can get to Concord Park is to get in our cars and drive there.

For our safety, for our quality of life, and for our property values, the residents that live in these subdivisions off South Northshore Drive don't just want a walkway, we need a walkway.

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