

I strongly oppose this rezoning as proposed. There is no way for emergency vehicles to render aid to traffic accident victims now. There have been fatalities on South Northshore Road and less than two weeks ago a traffic accident victim was helicoptered out because there was no other way to get the victim to the hospital. Did this person survive?

I personally believe there should be a moratorium on new development projects in Choto until Northshore, Choto, and Harvey Roads are made safe. Northshore needs to be widened with shoulders and three lanes where possible. Promises have been made for twenty years it is time for them to be honored. **This is no longer a matter of quality of life it is now a matter of life or death.**

Way back in 2004 when District 5 had three County Commissioners promises were made to widen Northshore Road. The lack of action to remediate the long growing problems on South Northshore dates back to 2000- 2004 when Harvey Rd was ranked as having 6th fastest growth in volume of traffic in South West Knox Co and South Northshore was ranked 5th from the intersection of South Northshore and Harvey Road to Concord Rd intersection, now a rotary.

What has Knox County done in the past 20 plus years? Added four new large subdivisions that access directly onto South Northshore, add numerous other large subdivisions that feed into South Northshore from Choto and also new subdivisions from Harvey Road going south plus new subdivisions off Harvey Road going north to "t" into Choto. All was achieved without widening South Northshore. By installing a rotary at Choto traffic now is stacking up on all 4 roads at peak traffic times. Building the requested subdivision of 212' units, with 2 cars per family will yield 424 cars times 2.5 trips a day totaling 848 trips/ day.

At large Knox County Commissioner Kim Frazier wrote in comments to you, "I would like to respectfully ask that you consider several conditions in regards to road improvements, vegetative buffers, storm water plans, and any other efforts that might mitigate adverse impacts to the area." Words are fine. We are past words. We need action. We need it now.

The Planning Commission and Knox County Commission have been grossly negligent on public safety concerning Northshore, Choto, and Harvey Roads. Both of you have over built the roads to the point where public safety is now compromised and lives are at risk.

The town of Farragut has spent tens of millions of dollars widening Turkey Creek Road, Virtue Road, McFee Road, and soon will do the same for Boyd Station Road. Every single new car in Choto is a new car making multiple trips into Farragut. Choto has no large churches, no supermarkets, and no schools. Choto is a suburb of Farragut.

The Planning Commission and Knox County Commission serve all of Knox County including Farragut. Farragut is suffering from the overbuilding of Choto. We just got a new school in Farragut that was supposed to be for Choto. In fact, this land on Harvey Road under consideration for rezoning would have been the perfect place for that new school in Choto but since the roads were substandard Farragut got stuck with the school Choto needed. This is

because the Planning Commission and Knox County Commission have not acted to fix the three main roads in Choto. Despite promise spanning two decades. You can no longer kick the can down the road. The time is now.

Every wreck on South Northshore creates traffic jams across Farragut. The people of Farragut should be represented too. That is what I request of you.

For this rezoning on Harvey Road I propose 2.5 units per acre only if the Planning Commission and Knox County Commission immediately fund road improvements for Northshore, Choto, and Harvey Roads over a three-year period with Northshore Road being first. No road improvements, no rezoning. There should be a moratorium on new development until funding and approval of road improvements have been budgeted and approved by the vote by both bodies. It is time for your promises to be honored.

Sincerely,

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