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Opposition to Proposed Housing Development Located Adjacent to Pellissippi Parkway

As residents of 10604 Bob Gray Road since 1977, we are opposed to the proposed housing development located west of the Pellissippi Parkway and south of Bob Gray Road for traffic safety concerns. The additional vehicular traffic that would occur at the intersection of Bob Gray Road and Highvue Drive will increase the probability of vehicle crashes thereby enhancing the potential for personal injuries. Reasons for these traffic safety concerns are explained below.

The two-lane section of Bob Gray Road located between the Jackie Carroll Walker bridge over the Pellissippi Parkway and Highvue Drive is narrow and has no shoulders. In addition, the alignment of Bob Gray Road east of Highvue Drive includes a curve with a change in elevation such that the view of west bound traffic on Bob Gray Road at the intersection of Bob Gray Road and Highvue Drive is restricted to about 300 feet. Soon after dawn on clear days, the view of this portion of Bob Gray Road is also adversely affected by bright sunshine. These features make left turns from Highvue Drive into Bob Gray Road very dangerous. Furthermore, considering the posted speed limit on Bob Gray Road is 40 mph (i.e., about 60 feet per second) and the time required to turn left from Highvue Drive into Bob Gray Road and to accelerate to 40 mph is about five seconds, additional traffic on Highvue Drive would greatly increase the probability of vehicle crashes if construction of the proposed housing development was allowed to proceed.

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