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Dear Commissioners,

My husband, Jim and I have lived at 112 Maple St for nineteen years. We strongly feel that the proposed Transit Hub belongs on Highway 19 and not in Northfield's Historic residential neighborhood.

The Transit Hub would be accessed via Second Street. Recently, Second Street was reconfigured to include bike lanes as part of Northfield's walking and biking initiatives. The reconfigured street now includes two-way bike lanes, parking on the North side of the street only, and narrowed two way driving lanes. This was accomplished without widening the street. This is compatible with a residential neighborhood, but not safe for heavy commercial traffic. The driving lanes barely allow cars to pass safely without driving into the bike lanes.

St. Olaf College has a prominent access road off Highway 19. Carleton does not, and with each new project has purposefully moved any traffic safety and traffic esthetic issues off campus and into the neighborhood. This includes student and visitor parking, busses, commercial deliveries, garbage and recycling collection, demolition traffic, construction traffic and more. They have the ability and frontage to use Highway 19, but choose not to.

The Transit Hub should be considered an unsafe commercial use for a residential neighborhood. Our children deserve a safe and aesthetically pleasing neighborhood as much as the college students. Once the students step off the campus, they will also have to deal with the increased safety issues of the proposed commercial traffic for the Transit Hub.

Respectfully,

Pat and Jim Stenglein
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