







RE: Proposed Median on St Olaf Ave and Hwy 3

To Whom it may concern,

Wayne Transports has received word that the City of Northfield has proposed placing a concrete median between Hwy 3 and the railroad crossing on St Olaf Ave. This proposed median would cause a severe safety concern for our employees and the general public. Wayne Transports deliveries petroleum products to Ziggy's Service Station located at 109 Water St N, Northfield, MN 55057. In order for our transports to make the petroleum deliveries our trucks will pull into the North entrance which is located on St Olaf Ave. If the proposed median is put in place our transports (tractor/trailer) would not be able to safely delivery fuel to this station.

The proposed median would cause the petroleum tankers to make delivery in one of two ways.

- 1. The petroleum tanker would need to approach the station from the North off Hwy 3. As the transport approaches the station (from the North) the semi-truck would need to stop on Hwy 3 and then back into the station. We do not recommend or allow our employees to back up a tanker full of flammable liquids on any road never the less a very busy state highway where cars are traveling at a high rate of speed downhill. This process would be dangerous any time of the year but life threating in the winter months when ice and snow are present.
- 2. The other method for delivery would be to approach the station from the south and pull into the customer location. Although this approach would be safer when entering the station, the danger will present itself once the tanker unloads and needs to exit the business. When exiting the petroleum tanker would then need to back across several lanes of traffic on Hwy 3 with many blind spots impacting the ability of the driver to see approaching traffic. Exiting the station onto St Olaf Ave would not be an option since the median would not allow enough space for our truck to make the right turn out of the station.

In conclusion, the proposed median would impact the commerce of Ziggy's station along with impacting Wayne Transports ability to safely deliver petroleum products. I urge the City of Northfield to weigh out the safety ramifications of a median and then the safety ramifications of having a petroleum transport truck full of flammable liquids backing up on a dangerous road. Having a vehicle rear end a petroleum tanker at 40mph will not only cause vehicle damage but could easily cause a death due to a fire or the force of impact into the rear of the trailer.

Sincerely,

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