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Dear honoured civic dignitaries,

Sometimes small miracles happen. It has appeared to occur in our case, which allows all concerned parties to negotiate a really satisfactory conclusion, without necessitating going to the OMB.

As you are aware, the main sticking point is to keep additional traffic off of Hwy. 27. The miracle is that it now can be done.

A track of land is now for sale. It would enable a South/North road to be built parallel to HWY 27 to connect the proposed FedEx directly to Rutherford.

From all aspects, it appears to be the ideal solution. It negates any reason to open up Hwy 27 to a West/East connection.

This would satisfy congestion issues, etc.

The proposed West/East continuation of an existing road, which would carry through to HWY. 27, by comparison, is not logically or fiscally a satisfactory solution.

To continue the West/East road to meet with Hwy 27 would be fiscally prohibitive, which is probably one of the reasons the connection was not originally made. It would require FOUR BRIDGES to be built. Think of the cost! There are two waterways that need to be circumvented, necessitating two expensive overpasses, plus another massive overpass is needed over 427, and yet another overpass would need to be built over a transit corridor. Four overpasses and the road itself, which would hit Hwy 27, hit major tax dollars, maximize disruption in community residence and seriously dip into profitability for FedEx [unnecessary road time is money]

To allow a connecting South/North road to be built to meet with Rutherford, would be a fiscally responsible alternative. It would be about a third in length, compared to the West/East proposed road, No expensive overpasses would be required. It would be a relatively simple and faster solution.

Thus, it appears that a viable solution has presented itself. FedEx could buy the land, The 4Million price tag appears to be fair market value. [by example, Costco bought land at about 7Million to potentially build a road in that area] The connection could be built and thus Hwy 27 traffic would potentially be unaffected.

Now is the time to negotiate. Both FedEx and West Woodbridge Homeowners have indicated that they wish to negotiate. Please judiciously and fiscally approve rezoning and approve the building of the connecting road to Rutherford. No one wants the decision to be abdicated to the OMB.

Regarding the proposed park, my personal view, is why buy the land? The West Woodbridge Homeowners don't seem to be interested. Also, the park is proposed on land that can't be used commercially. Therefore, if you really want it used for a park, why not ask for it to be donated, or at the very least, just lease the land for a protracted period of time, a gesture of good will on FedEx's part, after all, you're negotiating, and that parcel of land is commercially unusable to them.

Regarding the noise abatement solutions; again, now's the time to negotiate, so see what costs the applicant will absorb. As it was pointed out by the Woodbridge Homeowners, It would be really beneficial, to community satisfaction, to have the East side noise abatement solution built on city land, rather than private land. Since this would require current restrictions to be modified, why not propose to look into taking up the issue and propose a change. It will take time, but so will building FedEx across the road. Or propose to FedEx to participate in the upkeep of the said noise abatement solution on the residential side, in accordance with their interest in working with our community.

Thank you very much for your time, and your careful consideration on this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

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The small miracle is that the track of land that would enable a road to be built