

August 22, 2008

IMPORTANT TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION - PLEASE READ

Re: Greater Cornelia Area/70th Street Comment Card

Dear Cornelia Area Resident:

Enclosed is a formal comment card which I politely request you take time to complete and return. I want and need your opinion. The comment card pertains to your opinion as it relates to West 70th Street and the traffic issues surrounding both the street itself, and traffic in the Cornelia Neighborhood. The comment card is the result of months of work by the City staff, SRF Consulting, the Greater Cornelia Area/70th Street Study Advisory Committee ("SAC"), and Cornelia area residents.

As a member in public service for the past 8 years, I have repeatedly heard from the public that they want their opinions heard. I believe that the City of Edina makes extraordinary efforts for that to occur. Yet, despite efforts in a variety of mediums, public participation is often minimal or even disappointing.

As the chair of the SAC, I am committed to gaining as much feedback as possible from my Cornelia area neighbors. We have heard a great deal from many Cornelia area residents. Have we heard from you? We want to make informed decisions based upon the public desires, and I am asking that you weigh in on something that affects you on a daily basis.

As a member of the SAC, and now its chair, I am committed to gaining the public's perspective. This comment card was mailed to over 1400 people in the Cornelia area. I would like to be able to tell the Transportation Commission and the City Council that over 75% of area residents responded. This would mean that more than 1000 residents responded. I hope that we can count on you to voice your opinion.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the comment card. Your input is both critical, and greatly appreciated. Please return the completed comment card by September 5, in the enclosed self-addressed-stamped envelope.

Sincerely,

Stephen H. Brown
Chairman
Greater Cornelia Area/West 70th Street SAC

cc: Edina Transportation Commission
Greater Cornelia Area/West 70th Street SAC
Wayne Houle, City of Edina
Edina City Council