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The far west plan sounds good but we need more access from the north for trucks, school buses & all

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We prefer - the Far West Route - with access to the city - via - overhead - or other means -

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Thru Town - Four lane ends prior to our driveway
Traffic Now is fast & hard to enter Hwy 23 - this Solution
would only worsen the Situation.

West of Town - would want most of the trees to
remain - Hwy in front & behind our place - would
take away our privacy.

Solution - remove airport & use runway &
you would not have to remove trees!

Duane Buelmann - live by Golf Course
29866 State Hwy 23, Paynesville MN

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AS AN INDIVIDUAL THAT HELPED THE STATE OF SD DESIGN
ROADS IN WESTERN SD IN THE 1960S, AND AS A
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR (SUP) SINCE 1970 I always
felt WE HAD COMMON PRIORITIES -- TO provide
a ~~safe~~ the safest environment for all concerned
within a given budget. BASED ON THE
~~THE~~ ALTERNATIVE, THE ONE THRU TOWN MAKES
THE LEAST SENSE AND IS VERY DANGEROUS.

LIVING SW OF PAYNESVILLE - THE 2 intersections
at 23 & (TRI COUNTY) & NW Koronis Road are
extremely dangerous & definitely need to be
corrected. THE EAST ROUTE APPEARS TO BE
THE SHORTEST ROUTE, BUT IMPACTS WOULD TOO MANY
THINGS. THEREFORE, BASED ON SAFETY I WOULD
HOPE FAR WEST IS CHOSEN, BUT IF NOT politically
feasible the west alternative.

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ZION TOWNSHIP

21388 293rd Avenue
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To the attention of: Lowell Flaten, MnDOT Dist. 8 Project Manager


We, the residents of Zion Township, and the contiguous townships that regularly call Paynesville "their home town," are concerned that we will be "cut-off" if the west or far west route is chosen for Hwy. 23.

At the present time, there are three main roads that those living north of Paynesville use: Stearns 33, Stearns 130, and 293rd Avenue, all of which are heavily travelled.

We want to make certain there is a convenient access to Paynesville, without having to travel extra miles to get into town. It is important to remember this farming community has huge machinery that needs to be serviced, and getting to and from implement dealers is very important to farmers and the businesses. Are they going to have to travel down main street with their "humongous" equipment to get there?

All these concerns will hopefully be addressed and taken into consideration.

Thank you.



Carolyn Reeck, Clerk of Zion Township

I have lived in the Paynesville area all of my 54 years. During that time I have been active in local church activities, school committees, Paynesville Jaycees, etc. I am a part owner of a downtown Paynesville business. I am currently on the Highway 23 Task Force Committee.

The location of the new highway 23 is probably the most important thing to happen to Paynesville in my lifetime. I agree with the Paynesville City Council, the Task Force and the Roseville Township Board (of which I am a member), in their disapproval of the Far West route. We believe this route would be the death of our town. This was the reason we wanted this route dropped at an earlier time; to stop further money from being spent on it.

Of the remaining options, the no build does not seem very realistic. The other routes would all work for Paynesville in that the traffic would be close to the town. I further agree with the city council, task force, and Roseville township board favoring the West route. This would appear the best compromise route, being near town and allowing smooth traffic flow.

I have talked with many of our citizens about this over the past couple of years and have found this to be the opinion of the vast majority.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Flanders

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Flanders".

ROSEVILLE TOWNSHIP
KANDIYOHI COUNTY
MINNESOTA

May 12, 2005

MN DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
WILLMAR OFFICE

To Whom It May Concern:

At their May meeting the Roseville Township Board made a decision to support the west route for the Highway 23 bypass around Paynesville; the Board is absolutely against the far west route.

There was no discussion on the other alternatives.

Respectfully submitted,



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