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Hi Kraig,

Please confirm receipt of the public comment below regarding the above mentioned project. I think it would make the most sense for this to be included in the staff report since it has not yet been published.

Thank you,

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I would like my comments entered into the record for the public hearing to be held January 22, 2024.

In the notice I received today I see no mention of any changes to be made outside the development itself. My concern is for the additional traffic that this planned community (in addition to the Manor House community being built across 58th from Aurora Oaks) will generate. The streets of 58th, Kagy, and Mullen are in my opinion entirely inadequate to handle all the additional traffic we see in the future. I feel 58th and Kagy should both be widened and include sidewalks on both sides of each. Bike lanes should also be added and perhaps a median.

I would also suggest three-way stop signs at the junction of 58th and Kagy as well as the junction of Kagy and Mullen. I believe a left turn lane for those coming from Kagy onto Mullen is planned; I don't believe this will solve the congestion problem in any way. At the present time there is a "virtual" left turn lane there already - Kagy is wide enough at that junction for cars turning left onto Mullen as well as those turning right, as well as those turning from either direction off of Mullen onto Kagy. Stated another way, "Car A" can easily stop on Kagy at the junction and wait to turn left onto Mullen while leaving plenty of room for "Car B" to pull up alongside "Car A" with plans to turn right onto Mullen. Even with Cars A and B sitting side by side on Kagy waiting to get onto Mullen, "Car C" traveling either direction on Mullen has plenty of room to enter Kagy from Mullen while Cars A and B wait for clearance to turn left and right.

I feel with all the additional traffic that will be added to Mullen, Kagy, and 58th, three-way stop signs will be imperative and the junctions of 58th and Kagy as well as the junction of Kagy and Mullen. A left turn lane at either junction will NOT change anything that cars can already do.

Widen the streets, add sidewalks and bike lanes, and make it safe for pedestrians to travel along either side of 58th and either side of Kagy. It is dangerous enough now to walk alongside these streets - it will be a nightmare to do so with the addition of traffic from two residential developments that are essentially side by side, divided by only 58th.

Thank you.

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