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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you not only as a resident who lives off of 9 Mile on the west side of the city, but as someone deeply invested in the prosperity and wellbeing of our community. My husband and I bought his childhood home, nearly 3 years ago. We have walked the neighborhood on several occasions. We have lots of cute houses with nicely done yards and gardens. But what about our main strip? 9 Mile, as it stands today, fails to live up to the potential that our city holds. It represents a corridor that, far from being a destination, merely serves as a thoroughfare to the Saint Clair Social or Warren. That's pretty sad, when you think about it. This demonstrates a missed opportunity for our city to create spaces that invite community building, economic development, and vibrant street life. I firmly believe that our community needs beautification and brightening. From what I can tell, this would be an amazing opportunity to do just that. Who doesn't want to live in a beautiful neighborhood that they can brag about to their friends and families? There's not a single person I can think of. This doesn't just have to be only a means to get to other places that are more attractive. Not only can we be so much more, we should WANT so much more for our community.

The current widespread misinformation regarding the proposed road diet on 9 Mile has eclipsed the constructive discourse and overshadowed the significant benefits such a project would bring. As a strong proponent of the road diet, I urge you to consider the profound prospects that such a transformation can yield. Use your imaginations! There is a lot of opportunity, here.

There is compelling evidence to support the notion that road diets can rejuvenate city streets. Cited research ([road diet study](#)) indicates that road diets can lead to safer streets, increased business, and improved quality of life for residents. These changes align with the aspirations of our city to create a flourished and diverse urban landscape that fosters innovation and inclusion.

9 Mile should be more than a pass-through. It should be a delightful and functional urban space with green areas and public art, serving as an artery that brings the city to life—and yes, this means physical modifications are necessary. By adopting a road diet, we can provide safer and more attractive areas for families to spend time and local businesses to thrive. I believe these changes will not only beautify our city but also create tangible economic benefits by making it a place where new opportunities are welcomed. Honestly, who wouldn't want that for this community?

Let's envision a 9 Mile that's more than just a road; let's see it as the backbone of a thriving community. This will certainly attract new population and businesses, fostering long-term growth and stability.

We, as a city, should not allow misinformation or shortsightedness to dictate our future. Instead, we should strive to make choices that will stand the test of time, ensuring the prosperity of current and future generations.

I implore you to take a stand for the betterment of our city. A vote to adopt the road diet is a vote for sustainable urban planning and an investment in our community's future. By the way, have you seen that amazing community garden? Urban Seed is a labor of love for several of my friends, and it greatly benefits the community.

Please, do the right thing for our city. Zoom out to the big picture, and consider how a seemingly small change can make a meaningful difference. Our residents truly deserve better. It's absolutely unfathomable to think that anybody wouldn't want that for us. Let's make Eastpointe a fun and attractive place for people to check out.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Full Name]