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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a concerned parent and resident of Transcona. I am opposed to the development of the field between Hatcher Rd and the existing residential area of Ranchgrove and Cedargrove. into a four lane highway
I have 2 children that use the path as a source to and from Bernie Wolfe Community School. as well as to visit friends and so do many other children in my neighborhood. We have many parents that belong to the regional housing project that do not have a vehicle to transport their children to school. They leave home at 8:00am –8:10 am to insure that their children get to school safely. There are also parents who have too many small children to care for and are unable to help their children get to school. I do not feel it is safe for (who range in age of 5 –13 yrs old) to take the transit bus. There are just too many strange people with psychological problems that can harm children or abduct them. My question is will these children get bussed by the school division because of this major traffic route developing? The school division does not have enough money to provide the students with textbooks and funds for a school to run in an efficient manner. How are they going to have funds for buses to transport the children to school without charging us a fee? A pedestrian corridor is not a solution.
We have three way stops at the corner of Rougeau and Bournais where traffic has difficulties stopping for the children to cross safely. How do expect this to be any different? Why has the City of Winnipeg along with Winnipeg Police Department had to install the many Red Light Cameras to try to stop the speeding and reckless on the road? People do not really care about these cameras and will speed when they are in a rush anyway I would not let my children cross the pedestrian corridor and risk them losing their life because a trucker is late with his load and is in a rush to deliver it. I guess that a death of a child may or may not make a difference If a overhead corridor was presented, there would be more problems of children throwing objects off the corridor on top of the traffic. The police would be worrying about reports of broken windshields and mischief because of the lack of support of this proposal.
This highway will very close to 3 children's playgrounds. Where will the children have a safe place to play? The road way will be too close to the park emulating unhealthy gas fumes from the vehicles which leads to respiratory problems in the future. Children will have balls bouncing onto the road from the park.
I do not like to fact that this highway is running through a residential area. This will decrease the property value of our homes in the surrounding areas of this highway. It will create more unwanted pollution of the environment and noise that exist with the current railway track that runs across this open field as well. The building of mud sound barriers is not acceptable to me to prevent the noise pollution that will be prevalent.
The reason of the increase in traffic on Plessis Rd is because of the Intermodel section of CN and the moving departments from Wilkes into Transcona. The residents of Plessis Rd South have had this traffic for years because Plessis Rd leads to the TransCanada Highway.

I hope you choose to listen to the many residence to not proceed with this roadway.

Sincerely,

Cindy Podolsky