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Re:

**Request for Emergency Funding
Repaving of a Section of U.S. 50 / River Road**

Mayor & Council Members:

I am once again contacting you on behalf of hundreds of fellow citizens to request emergency funding for repaving of a section of U.S. 50 / River Road, between Fairbanks Avenue and Dart Avenue. I have attached a copy of the **Petition to Repave U.S. 50 / River Rd. from Fairbanks Ave. to Dart Ave.**, upon which we have over 500 signatures, as well as a Letter of Support from the Saylor Park Village Council. Those who use this highway deserve a better pavement to drive on.

This request was made last year during the budget period, and was not funded. I transferred this matter to the Neighborhood Committee for review. This is not a "neighborhood" matter. The matter was therefore not discussed with the Neighborhood Committee. I personally initiated a Petition in support of this issue last year. I am a resident of Saylor Park; the section of roadway at issue is not in Saylor Park. The Petition was signed by Cincinnati residents from many neighborhoods, employees and owners of businesses located in Cincinnati, as well as patrons of those businesses. The Petition speaks for any and all Cincinnati residents "at large" who use the road on a regular basis. Please put this road issue back on your Committee's agenda where it belongs. It is a major road project that requires your Committee's attention and action.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued a Public Notice announcing the application for a Permit to operate a new trans-loading facility on the Ohio River, involving 80 to 100 large trucks in and out of the facility on U.S. 50 / River Road near Dart Avenue. As we understand it, this truck traffic would flow both east and west, placing increased wear and tear on the section of the road we seek to have repaved.

The current City Street Repaving Schedule for U.S. 50 / River Rd. from Fairbanks Ave. to Dart Ave. is as follows:

- 2019: no work is to be done
- 2020: no work is to be done
- 2021: no work is to be done
- 2022: repave between Fairbanks to Anderson Ferry (half the distance)
- 2023: no work is to be done
- 2024: (tentative) repave between Anderson Ferry and Dart (other half)

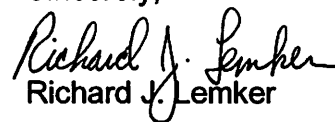
Why has Cincinnati allowed this section of the road to deteriorate into such terrible shape already? This repaving likely should have been done 5 years ago. How can you justify allowing it to continue to deteriorate for 5 more years? In 2024, it will be 10 years past due! This year, it is way past time to catch up. **This repaving really cannot wait!**

Another section of U.S. 50 (the same road) was recently repaved just west of the Cincinnati City limit, beginning in Addyston and continuing toward Indiana. It's condition is in stark contrast to the section of the road we are asking you to repave. It is absolutely gorgeous! The paving on this section is in perfect condition!

I am asking that you schedule time on the Major Projects Committee and / or Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Agenda(s) for discussion of Emergency Funding for this issue. I will be glad to attend and bring other community leaders with me to present the signed Petitions and our case regarding this critical road repaving need. If you would like to discuss this issue before scheduling us at a full Committee Meeting, I can arrange that too, at your convenience.

Looking forward to moving forward on this issue with you,

Sincerely,


Richard J. Lemker

Attachment:

Copy of Petition to Repave U.S. 50 / River Rd. from Fairbanks Ave. to Dart Ave