

To whom It May Concern,

We are writing re. The Proposed Assessment that is being recommended.



First off, The Million dollar Bridge on Spring St. has certainly caused concern with many people who live in Riverside! The traffic that comes down the hill, off the Bridge usually has Cars, Trucks, RV's going right through the Stop sign on Industrial and Spring. Two signs were put up to stop the 18 wheelers from driving on Spring St. has helped some with that traffic, however, at times some of those Semis continue to drive through. We were told in a Letter sent to us when all this Construction began, that we would not have anymore traffic than we had before the Bridge was built—however, that certainly has proved to be an untruth. The traffic is bad, and very bad for our nice quiet, safe Neighborhood!

Now, for our Property since all the construction began, one side of the House, was all dug up, leaving mud, clay, and pulling out the planted Shrubs, and Plants that were on the side—leaving quite a mess! Thus, we paid a little over \$1,200.00 to have a new sidewalk put back, and River Rock put in also where all our plants, etc. were pulled out. Costing us again, an unplanned sum of money! From all the digging and tamping that was done during this construction, our Fire-place Chimney was damaged, and that had to be replaced, again costing money not planned on, \$2,400.00, this certainly was unfair to us, and our Driveway to the garage needed to have the Blacktop resurfaced due to the damage once again caused from the digging, and driving onto the driveway! The cement floor in the garage was also cracked, and had to have some cement put in by us—again another cost not planned for!

Another disappointment to us was the removal of our main sidewalk, this was removed, and we were told, it was too expensive to replace, and that we did not need it! Also, our yard was left a mess, and Randy Willie told us this would be fixed—well, after talking to him on numerous occasions, he had a small digger from up the street bring a little load of dirt, which was put along side our front house sidewalk, and we did our best to shovel it to cover some deep areas, Our yard sinks in all over the front, and we were not given Sod, nor Seed to help fix the mess—when we cut the grass our Lawn mower goes one way and the mower the other. When it rains, the yard sinks in areas all the more-- all the Neighbors have made comments on how awful this is! Also I had 2 little Trees on the side by our walk, they were pulled out from the top soil, and did not survive! The 2 holes are still showing, We were told our yards would be just as good as before the construction, or even better—well, we are still waiting. By the Curb to the street, they dumped a messy conglomeration of weeds—it looks like the fill they use along the Highways, and Mr. Willie told us that problem is from the Winter and the sand they put on the street—which certainly is not so. What use to be a nice yard, is now hilly, bumpy, and weedy—we did put in some Sod awhile back, but did no good as it sunk in. This is certainly no way to treat us due to all this construction. Talked with a Mark Guisfredi, and he said we are to late to have anything done now, as the time limit is closed. We have waited and waited to have our area fixed and were actually lied to re. this—and I'm certain if we were in the East area of our City, all this would have been fixed. With the Million Dollar Bridge put in, our sidewalks removed, the damage to our area (Home), and all the traffic we now have, it really seems so unfair to say the least—to think of charging us now that proposed assessment!!! It has cost us enough, and left our house yard a mess—and you can come out and see this—and also see the work that has been done to fix the mess we had to have done, which certainly was in the Thousands!! The City certainly has been unfair to those of us in this area. I also see where Morgan Park finally had the weeds, grass, etc. cut—but Riverside has not had ours cut, where that Bridge is, the weeds, grass etc. is a mess—and to top it all off the entrance to Riverside Dr. is cut by a few Men who live out here, using their own equipment! But other parts of the

City certainly have theirs. Guess Riverside just doesn't exist as far as the City Monies are concerned.

Well, I feel that we should NOT have to pay that Assessment—since our property was certainly messed up, and leaving us to replace it at a nice sum of money! I don't want to be angry, but when ever I tried to talk to the men in charge of this project, I cannot help but feel we have been lied to , and our property expense was unfair—and now you are thinking of charging us for what has happened—please reconsider that assessment. As it is so unfair. Our area is not the peaceful, Child safe place it once was before that Bridge was put in—one of these days one of our Children is going to be hurt, or God forbid, killed with the no stop traffic.

Enough for now, and hoping that Assessment will not be burdened on all that already has been placed on us.

Thanks for reading this and sorry it is so long--

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