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**Subject:** Cardente Truck Staging Area

Hello Jean,

Greg Tansley gave me your contact info so that I could share my concerns about the proposed intermodal transportation area at 122 Anderson Street. I live in the condo units at 145 Anderson Street, across the street from the space in question with my family. I had a few concerns and questions I hoped I could share with you in hopes those considering this proposal would consider them.

A few years ago this same space was used by Oakhurst Dairy to park their trucks and refrigerator trailers. I think it was fair to say that they moved less than 30 trucks in and out of that space daily. The noise of the trucks and in particular their movement over the truck scale installed in the driveway of that property was significant and disruptive. Our building would shake when each truck came in and out. Our Condo Association worked with Cardente and Oakhurst to get them to come and listen and feel the effect on our living space. They agreed that the noise was much higher than they had anticipated and that if measured by decibels it would be higher than what was reasonable. The Oakhurst trucks were removed. This proposal for Nova Star's use of the space concerns me for many of the same reasons the Oakhurst plan did not work and it seems that the number of trucks proposed is greatly increased. I anticipate the noise and shaking to be quite high at a time of the day when the neighborhood is quieting down for the evening.

In addition, has this plan been looked at in regards to the proposed plans for traffic and sidewalk development on Anderson Street and the Fox street intersection? My understanding of that plan, after attending two meetings about it, is that would call for the streets to be reduced in width and the sidewalks extended. Increasing and encouraging the likelihood of foot traffic. Anderson Street would become an extension of the by-way, for use by bicycles with an increased emphasis on walkable local small businesses and less on car traffic. Having this number of trucks moving in and out daily seems counter to this plan and potentially dangerous. Has the grant money awarded for these developments been moved elsewhere?.

Has there been a traffic study? Can the current intersection and busy Community Center with many kids playing in the driveway on the corner support this kind of truck traffic? What about the intersection at Fox Street and Franklin? That traffic light is very short. Would local traffic be hindered waiting for trucks to make it through the light? Is there another traffic plan attached to this proposal?

While I do understand the recent increase in business on lower Anderson is a positive development for the neighborhood, our neighborhood association and developers seem to believe that this area is only for business. In reality there is quite a lot of residential housing here and has been for quite some time, long before the businesses began to grow. Parking is being restricted, traffic is increasing and nothing is being done to consider the residents in these scenarios.

Thank you for receiving these concerns. If it is determined that there will be a public meeting of any kind about this proposal I will happily attend.

Thank you,  
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