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Subject Innerbelt

Hello,

I just wanted to send a quick comment with regards to the Ohio Department of Transportation's plans to renovate Cleveland's innerbelt. I believe that the innerbelt is an important aspect of the future vibrancy of downtown Cleveland, and that the project should incorporate design features that encourage people to move back to Cleveland. In my mind this would include features that make bike usage / pedestrian traffic simple, as well as a more holistic approach that promotes growth within the city.

As a resident of Northeast Ohio I feel that any plans to redesign the innerbelt should be moved forward only after consulting a larger number of stakeholders.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Todd Alexander

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Greg Hebebrand
Department of Transportation
District 12 5500
Transportation Blvd.
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

Dear Greg:

The new Bridge a New Renaissance for Cleveland just maybe the REKINDLE OF CLEVELANDS NATIONAL! PRESENCE!

The Cleveland "Memorial Bridge" I know there is history from when it started on the Cuyahoga River to present. I have a concept the entire bridge should show that history with BRONZE PLAQUES AND MAYBE SOME STATUARY. Lighting to give it the Drama and today, with going green it could be lighted with minim lighting cost. I am a reader of everything new. I am sure with the brilliant engineers today the possibility of making it a New Cleveland Statement would be worth the study and research.

I am sure there are people who can do research that I am not capable of at 86 I am POSITIVE WE CAN CREATE QUITE AN IMPRESSIVE LIST!

Mine are very small: Severance, Bob Feller, Vernon Stouffer, and Cyrus Eaton. Grover Cleveland, Original Indian Reservations on the rivers, the Collage could be created by local Art Students as a contest? Rewards being not only recognition but some free Class hours. A show of the contestant's presentations at the Cleveland Art Museum Maybe the ball park MY CONCEPT THE GREATER THE SHOW, THE GREATER THE WORK ON PRESENTATION THE GREATER; THE VALUE, OF THE TOTAL PROJECT. We COULD EVEN HAVE A STATE CLEVELAND WEEK END: CLEVELANDS NEW RENASSIANCE FAIR WITH ALL OF WHAT IS GONG TO HAPPEN BILL BOARDS., PRESENTATIONS OF OPORTUNITES. OPEN HOUSES, AT ALL ATTRACTIONS. I HAVE HAD SEVERAL THOUGHTS OF THE CLEVEALND TRUST BUILDING AT CORNER OF 9TH AND EUCLID TO BE A MONEY MUSIEUM WITH PRESSES THAT ARE OUT OF DATE AND THE HSITORY OF AMERICAN MONEY. . PRINT IT SELL IT; THERE?

MY IDEAS ARE A SMALL CONCEPT OF WHAT COULD BE HERE WE ARE IN THE BEGINNING OF THE 21ST CENTURY AND IT COULD VERY WELL BE OUR NEW "RENNASSIANCE"!!

Who am I started in the field of Interior Design at "Carey W. Sims" in Shaker Heights in 1945 as an Apprentice:

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Studied in Paris After WW2 and Miami in Oxford, Ohio. And other education. At that time there was little to be learned and few places one could afford. I was found my Mr. Mastick from; Mastick's Design Studio at corner of Carnegie and did some Design Projects for Stouffers Restaurants. I have become nationally known in Funeral Home Design and Consultation, Residential Design and Restoration. I am amazing at 86 and still have projects in work.

I would like to comment on the city of Cleveland for it is sad we are not in a more IMPRESSIVE POSITION; IN THE CITIES OF AMERICA. CLEVELAND HAS MORE WEALTH OF ANEMITIES THAT MOST.! A FINE LAKE SHORE WITH; ALMOST, NO ATTRACTIONS. ONE OF THE FINESTS SYMPHONEY'S IN THE WORLD; SEVERENCE HALL; AN AWSOME REPRETORE OF MUSIEUMS ART GALLERIES, THE RENOWN CLEVELAND ART GALLERY, THE ZOO, PLANITARIUM, RAIN FOREST, THE MANY ATTRATIONS I HAVAE NOT LISTED AND CAN NOT REMEMBER. ONE OF THE FINEST HOSPITOLS IN THE WORLD! WORLD CLASS UNIVERSITIES, HIGHER EDUCATION CENTERS, FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL PARKS. I HAVE TRAVELED TO INDIANAPOILIS FOR OVER 50 YEARS. THEIR DOWN TOWN IS AWSOME AND THEY DO NOT HAVE ONE TENTH OF WHAT WE HAVE IN CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND NEEDS A COMPLETE RENOVATION AND STUDY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY! SOME HOW! ITS LOST ITS "SPIRIT OF COMPETITION" AT ONE TIME WITH" HALLE,HIGBEE, MAY COMPAY, "THE STATLER" THE CLEVELAND HOTEL,OAK ROOM ,AAAAAHH:"PEACOCKS" THE THEATRE AREA AT 9TH The River could have housing,

We have a great air port. WE HAVE IT ALL.. WE NEED A WHOLE NEW "COMMITTEE OF STUDY FOR CLEVELAND "WITH THE NEW Government Programs to get the ECONOMY GOINING AGAIN. LETS HAVE CLEVELAND BE PART OF IT.AGREAT OPPORTUNITY. FOR THE YOUNG, TO CREATE, MANAGE, AND PROVE THEIR DREAMS AND SKILLS. CLEVELAND IS ABSOLUTELY A PLATIMUN MINE OF OPPORTUNITY! Saying golden is not good enough when you have the best there is. LET'S GO FOR IT! HONEST WE DO HAVE IT ALL! LETS LITE THE FIRE OF OUR GREATNESS!

Kindly excuse my grammar and punctuation. You may alter this presentation so it may say it much better than I have. At 86 MY COMPUTER SKILLS ARE IN PRE SCHOOL AND MY MID IS RUNNING FASTER THAN MY FINGERS. I am much better at speaking than writing. My IT IS SO AMAZING TO BE 86 IN NUMBERS ONLY AND HAVE 50 YEAR OLD MIND AND PERCPECTIVE TO DREAM! FOR OUR NATIONS FUTURE! I WOULD CONSIDER IT AN HONOR TO BE PART OF THIS PROJECT AS A CRITIC AND MENTOR.

Yours respectfully

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Just so you know I sent a copy to THE

April 22, 2009

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The Plain Dealer Plaza
1801 Superior Ave.
Cleveland, Aave.

President and Publisher
Terrance C.Z. Egger

Dear Sir:

I have written a letter to Greg Heberand, Department of Transportation in reference to the new bridge.

I have great hopes it will be impressive enough for your paper to print the article.

I have had a great interest in the city my career started there. I have had very little

Very little contact with news papers in my 86 years of life so: There could be the

Fact, my protocol is in correct if that is the fact I APOLIGIZE TO THOSE WHO I

MAY, HAVE OFFENDED.

Your s respectfully

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To Craig.Hebebrand@dot.state.oh.us
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Subject Innerbelt Plan Public Comment Form

Comments: As a participant in the Innerbelt Project process from it's inception, I have observed the decision-making and the technical work which has resulted in the preferred alternative which is the the subject of the Innerbelt Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS). My PERSONAL views as a citizen of Cuyahoga County are that there are substantive deficiencies and questions regarding the Project development process and the Project recommendations. These are fully detailed in a separate public comment sent via US mail are are incorporated herein. I request these comments and questions be incorporated in the official public comment record and receive a complete response.

Name:: Paul Alsenas

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City: Brecksville

State: OH

Zip Code: 44141

Email:: palsenas@aol.com

why are you proposing to
re Direct the traffic
to have exits. why not
build Express lanes for
people that bypass Cleveland if
Preferred.

Anonymous #1

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Please do NOT close down
access to Downtown Cleveland
We need to keep as many exits
as possible to keep Cleveland economically
robust and competitive,
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a Southern alternative is highly
preferable.

Cleveland Innerbelt Plan Public Hearing
PUBLIC COMMENT FORM
April 21, 2009



Copies of today's presentation and this form will be available on the Project website.
Visit www.innerbelt.org and select the "Innerbelt Plan" logo.

1. What are your comments regarding the Cleveland Innerbelt Plan as proposed?

Please pave, repair and fix
the sidewalks and empty lots
all along West 15th Street between
Kenilworth & Auburn Ave.
It's ONLY been 50 years
that this UNPAVED EYESORE
has been left UNATTENDED TO
By ODOT since the DAY they
TORE the houses down to build
(that my father and brothers & family
witnessed first hand.)

2. To help us document comments and forward future Project information, please provide:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone Number _____
Email Address _____

Complete this form and return to ODOT by 5 p.m. on May 21, 2009 for consideration in the Final Environmental Impact Study.

Mail or fax to:
Ohio Department of Transportation, District 12
ATTN: Craig Hebebrand
5500 Transportation Blvd.
Garfield Heights, OH 44116
Fax: 216-584-2279

Or complete this form on the Internet at:
www.innerbelt.org and select the
"Innerbelt Plan" logo.

Anonymous #2

Anonymous #3

The Innerbelt. OUR House and
ALL my neighbors Along this
Street Put up with ENOUGH
Noise, dirt, Mud and Vibration
From these Lots and the Free-
Way itself ALready.
Isn't it time to
PAVE these Lots?
How many times do we
have to request this?



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Comments: Whatever design is chosen, please don't obstruct the view of the water and landscape from motorists. Without any mountains nearby, there are only a few expansive views motorists can enjoy -- and this is one of them. Cleveland's water views are a true value to the city, and they shouldn't be obfuscated by concrete walls or barely see-through screens. It would be a missed opportunity otherwise. From a psychological perspective, a bridge with a view presents an inviting, expansive city, whereas an enclosed, viewless bridge presents a city that is insular and antiquated. Choose a view! Thanks for listening. I'm a former Northeast Ohio resident, but travel to Cleveland often.

Anonymous #4



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Comments: When will ODOT clean up all the trees and undergrowth along I-71 leading up to the innerbelt bridge? There's garbage and trees and all kinds of overgrown mess along this stretch.

City: cleveland

State: ohio

Zip Code: 44113

Cleveland Innerbelt Plan Public Hearing



Public Comment Form

April 21, 2009

1. What are your comments regarding the Cleveland Innerbelt Plan as proposed?

My name is Fred L. Backus and I am the owner of the building located at 2150 West 15th Street Cleveland, Ohio (parcel # 700-A WL). This building has been slated to be razed for the new Innerbelt Plan project. My business T.I.G. Welding Specialties, Inc. has been located in this building for over 35 years.

However, when ODOT sent people over to appraise my building, their conclusions were nothing short of unbelievable to me.

The appraisal stated that the value of the land was greater without my building, therefore my building was worth \$0.00. And since my building is located on land owned by Scranton - Averell Inc., all money paid by ODOT would go to the land owner and nothing to the building owner.

I find it hard to believe that ODOT would treat a 45 year business this way. The building was very well maintained with a 25 year roof and structural steel supports on all main pillars and most ceiling joists (see enclosed photos). I also have a 5-year land lease with Scranton - Averell and did not wish to move.

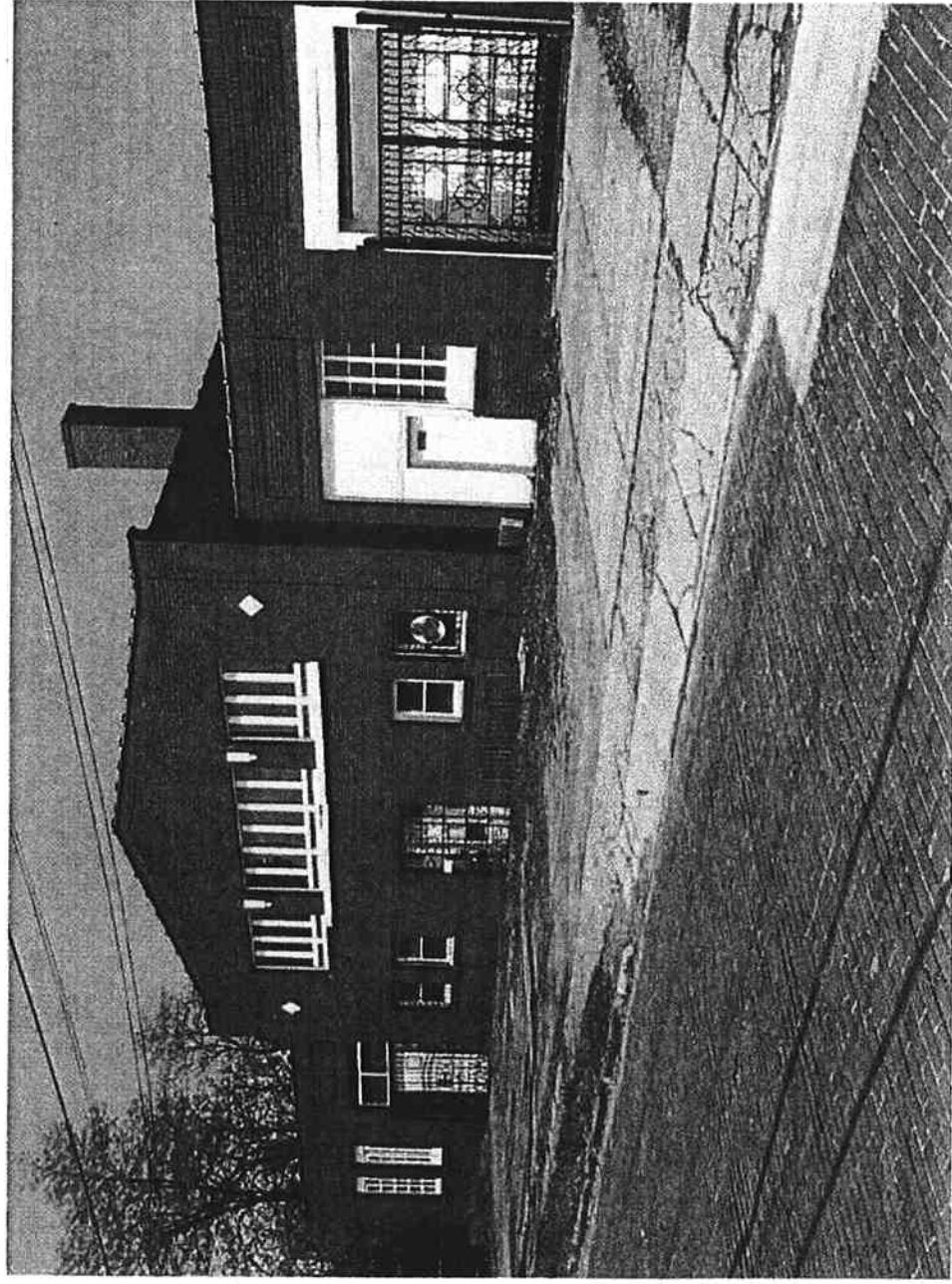
With zero money to acquire or even put a down payment on a comparable building, my company will be out of business and my seven employees jobless. I know my business will have to be moved soon, so I would like to resolve this as soon as possible. But with an offer of \$0.00 I would have no choice but to wait until the court decides how much my building is worth.

To be fair to ODOT, you have committed to a new appraisal of my building and will pay all moving expenses to a new building. I can only hope a new method is used in this appraisal that will be fair to the building owner and not just the land owner.

2. To help us document comments and forward future Project information, please provide:

Name: Fred L. Backus
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 City: Cleveland State: Ohio Zip Code: 44113
 Telephone Number: 216 621-1763 Fax Number: 216 621-6417
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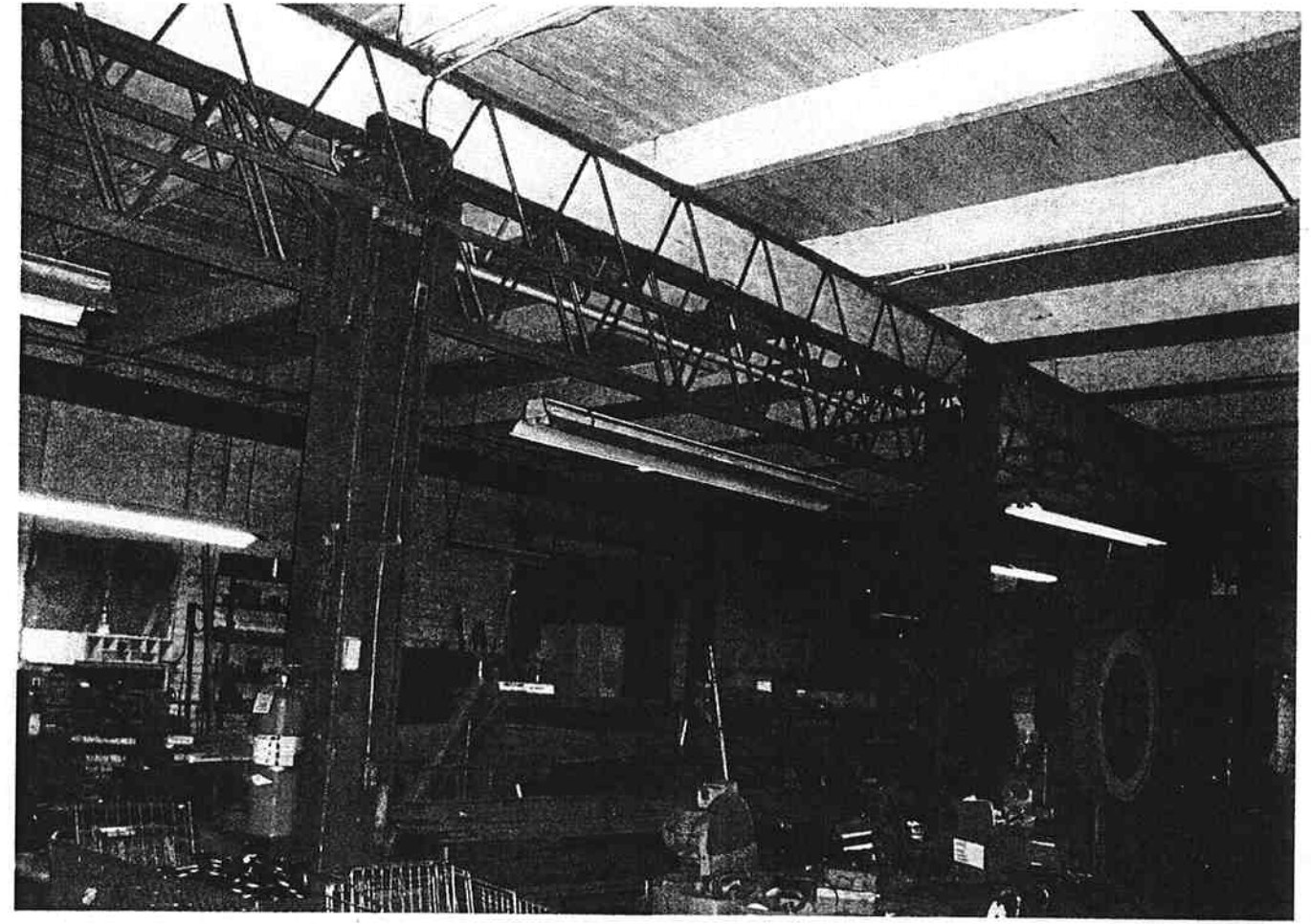
Anonymous #5



TIG WELDING SPECIALTIES, INC.
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