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Re: Agenda Item 9: Approve Contract with Avenue Consultants for Concept Planning for the Emigration Canyon Road Improvement Project

Dear Trustees,

I respectfully encourage you to pause any decision on the Emigration Canyon Road project.

This project has been justified as promoting safety, and yet the safety data you have been shown is not adding up. For example, at the last Trustee meeting, you were shown a slide reflecting that Emigration Canyon crashes are far more "severe" than crashes in other communities, 10.11% vs. an average of 2.63%. I recall the audible gasp in the room when this slide was presented. Yet, what is "severe"? Transportation data on opendata.utah.gov ranks crashes in four different levels of severity: 1, 2, 3, and 4. What exactly does the slide reflect... ? Level 4? Levels 3 and 4? Levels 2, 3, and 4? And what do the different levels represent? Property damage above a certain threshold? An ambulance ride? Sliding off the road? A band-aid? Let's be honest: we don't know what data is represented by the number 10.11%.

Emigration Canyon residents were provided some additional information in the form of a handout presented at the Emigration Canyon City Council meeting last week (https://msd.utah.gov/AgendaCenter does not show me what's included in your packets so I am attaching both the slide and the handout for your convenience). For the crashes depicted in the handout, more than half were "speed related." Are irreversible "improvements" to a historic canyon, and residents' front yards, the only way to address speeding? Many of us would prefer more enforcement.

Further confusing are the crash numbers. The slide shows 89 crashes in Emigration Canyon. By contrast, the handout shows 18 crashes, not 89.

Trustees, the numbers are all over the place. What I can say for certainty, if I rely on the numbers depicted in the slide, is that there are a lot of "severe" crashes happening all over Salt Lake County. Why are 9 "severe" crashes in Emigration Canyon prioritized over and above all of the other "severe" crashes listed on the slide (119 in Kearns and Magna alone)? Considering Active Transportation in particular, there have been 4 crashes in Emigration Canyon vs. dozens elsewhere. Has the Emigration Canyon Road project truly been justified as the best use of MSD monies?

I again respectfully ask you to pause this decision.

Yours sincerely,

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