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From: Members of Protect A2 Parks

RE: Ann Arbor Station Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Hatcher,

Members of the Ann Arbor public last heard information on the Ann Arbor Station Environmental Assessment from City staff on May 13, 2015. In the meantime, requests for project updates and draft reports made by members of Protect A2 Parks, the press, and City Council members have been rejected. Our group remains concerned about the project that includes our public park land as an alternative location for a train station.

Our assessment is that Fuller Park provides the best value to our community as green infrastructure that can be best improved upon by reducing impervious surfaces within the park boundaries. Community multimodal transportation needs can best be served at the existing location of the Ann Arbor Amtrak Station on Depot Street, which is centrally located in the city.

You may not be acquainted with the layout of our city. We provide you with the attached map and photos that display the density of population and commerce nearby the existing Ann Arbor Amtrak Station on Depot Street, and the Fuller Park open space that has long been treasured for the public benefits of recreation, view-scape, and green infrastructure.

Thank you for your review of the attached information. We are available to respond to questions. We welcome information that you may provide regarding the status of the Ann Arbor Station Environmental Assessment.

With best regards,

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Attachments:

- Map Contrasting the Two Locations for an Ann Arbor Train Station (1 pg)
- Alternative 1, Ann Arbor Amtrak Station and surrounding area (4 pgs)
- Alternative 2, Fuller Park and surrounding area (2 pgs)

Cc:

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