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Subject: Email RE: Larkspur: a view from Morgan Creek

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From: Dave B Morgan [mailto:morgandb@us.lenovo.com]
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To: Town Council
Subject: Larkspur: a view from Morgan Creek

Larkspur: a view from Morgan Creek

Mayor & Council:

This month I've been using our Netflix subscription to view the American Experience "New York" series – an excellent set of stories.

One thing that strikes me is the similarity between the philosophy of New York's Robert Moses (who incredibly never had a driver's license) plowing expressways through previously vital neighborhoods in the Bronx & Long Island, and the local philosophy of forcing connectiveness over neighborhood objections. The scale is different, for sure, but the damage here can still be significant.

I don't have a dog in this hunt, but when I have visited friends on Larkspur road, it is obvious how kid-friendly and safe the street is.

Some of the arguments for connecting are quite a stretch:

The short steep driveways entering Larkspur create a dramatically different situation than the ultra-long drives entering Pinehurst, etc, to which this has been compared.

Traffic calming can be useful to slow traffic at a point. But for a length of road, there are always those few who must use the stretch between calming fixtures to compensate for time lost there.

And I know there is uncertainty and concern over CN's future effect on MLK Blvd.; but to use Larkspur to relieve traffic on MLK ?!?!?

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And if CN causes serious backups on MLK, imagine the incentive to zip thru Larkspur ...

Living on the other end of town, maybe there is something I'm missing, but placing cut-through traffic onto Larkspur just seems totally wrong.

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