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MEMORANDUM

To: Keith Horn, Managing Attorney

From: Chester Hicks, Administrative Officer

Date: May 1, 2018

RE: Proposed closing of Cross Street

This memorandum is to request the legal review of the Cross Street proposed permanent closing. The appropriate LFUCG Division Directors and utility company representatives have responded with comments and those comments are enclosed for your review. The property owner (ABD Holdings, LLC and Earthman, LLC) will accept full responsibility of the maintenance and repair of the right-of-way. Should you have any questions regarding this request please feel free to contact me at 258-3407.

The request and pertinent support materials were circulated among various divisions and utility representatives to determine impacts to current operations. The comments can be summarized as follows:

LFUCG Divisions:

Div. of Planning: I look at the Cross Street intersection with Maxwell Street every day (from his residence). As both a transportation planner, and a neighbor, I highly recommend the closure of the street and fully support the applicant's recommendation to change the private street to a one-way street from Maxwell to Pine Street. This is a dangerous blind curve exit onto Maxwell today where I have personally observed several near miss accidents. Now that Oliver Lewis Way is complete, I do not see a need for an exit onto Maxwell because neighbors have the opportunity to connect to Oliver Lewis Way via Merino and make a much safer left turn movement onto Maxwell, with a nominal increase in vehicle miles of travel.

I would hope that the applicant could utilize a pedestrian bump out to further narrow the one-way traffic and increase the pedestrian experience in this location. (Jimmy Emmons)

Div. of Engineering: It is our understanding that a public access easement, stretching from the intersection of Pine Street to Maxwell, will remain. Therefore, the Division of Engineering has no objection to this proposal. (Doug Burton.)

Div. of Water Quality: There is an 8" sanitary sewer line running approximately in the center of Cross Street from just NE of Maloney Way southwesterly to an intersection with Pine Street. Please see the attached map. A minimum 15' wide sanitary sewer easement (7.5 feet on either side of the sanitary line) should be maintained through this length of Cross Street. (Steve Farmer)

Lexington Enhanced 911: Our office has no problem with this proposal. (Robert Poage)



Police Department: I reviewed the attached plan to close this portion of Cross Street and it will not have an adverse effect on our response to emergency situations. (Chad Bacon, Lieutenant)

Traffic Engineering: We would like to proceed with the Cross Street R/W release as requested with the understanding that it will be made one-way similar to what is shown in the attachment. Altech's \$20,000 contribution will be used for improving traffic conditions on surrounding street(s). (Jeffrey Neal)

Utilities:

Kentucky Utilities: KU has facilities within the right-of-way at the front end of Cross Street. We would request that we retain 75' long and full width of the right-of-way on Cross Street as utility easement. (Kevin Long)

Windstream: Windstream is ok with this street closure. However, we have facilities on power poles in this area and will need to be able to still access those aerial cables. (Ashley L. Sanders)

Kentucky American Water Co.: Kentucky American would require easements the width of the existing right of way prior to any closure and copies thereof. As you can see we have plenty of assets in this particular space mostly providing service to Alltech. (Tobey Adams)

Columbia Gas: Columbia Gas has a 4" plastic, low-pressure gas main installed within the 34' of road r/w depicted by your attachment. (See also my attached) We can retain those rights per recorded plat even if the street is "closed", or we can acquire new rights from the property owner before the street is closed. If the owner would rather grant new rights, the easement would be 20' wide being 10' either side of the center line of the existing pipe. (Mike Honaker)

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