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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments about 2nd Bridge Span by Ambassador Bridge
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Hello,

Here are my comments for your records.

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Here are my comments for the 2nd span of the Ambassador Bridge:

I oppose the building of the 2nd bridge. I also strongly urge for an Environmental Impact Study. I'm a 48209 Southwest resident.

Five years ago, a semi-truck almost killed me. The driver wanted to be in the same exact lane that I was in, exactly where I was, even though there were no cars ahead of him or me. He sideswiped me quickly and smashed me into a concrete barrier. The car was totaled. When he came over to my car to see if I was ok, he said, he just "didn't see me."

This is exactly the problem. Right now we have too many semi-trucks driving through our neighborhoods in Southwest Detroit. This is a community of families and children.

I'm very worried about the increase of trucks that will happen if the Ambassador Bridge Enhancement Project, a second private bridge span next to the Ambassador Bridge is built. If I already think there are too many semi-trucks on the road, what is going to happen if this 2nd span is built? Our roads, streets, and neighborhoods will be flooded by giant trucks. I think the 2nd span will be a big hazard to community safety and well-being.

Hospitalization rates related to asthma are already more than three times higher than the statewide rates¹. With a possible three million more total auto and semi-truck trips annually, or a 150% increase in bridge traffic, if the Ambassador Bridge remains in service,² it's bound to affect my and my neighbor's air quality and quality of life. The Southwest already houses the most polluted zip codes in the state of Michigan, like 48217. Residents pay for all the industrial pollution in our neighborhoods it with our health. Why does the community continue to be dumped with this much pollution? Why do the poorest and browner neighborhoods continuously pay the price for industrialization and other, with their health? Why isn't this proposed in a wealthier white neighborhood? I think it's because of environmental racism.

Also, with the expansion of 6 more lanes and a potential total 10 lanes, I'm assuming we are

talking more border patrol and immigration activity. This community has long been needlessly harassed in their own neighborhoods by border patrol and immigration. A second span will likely increase the amount of agents working in the area, targeting the immigrant community, further intimidating them, and increasing fear just to be around in their own neighborhood.

The lives and future of kids in this community shouldn't be swapped for the promise of a few bridge jobs. Residents here have a right to know the results of an Environmental Impact Study. An environmental assessment based on outdated methodology doesn't suffice for an EIS. To me, not doing an EIS is very suspicious. What are people afraid of us finding out? That we, the residents, are right about saying that kids and families will bear the brunt of the side effects of the bridge with their safety and health? I strongly encourage you to do an EIS and show us that you're committed to doing your part towards transparency and accountability.

Sincerely,

Sally Kim
Southwest resident

¹ Wasilevich EA, Lyon-Callo S, Rafferty A, Dombkowski K. "Detroit – The Epicenter of Asthma Burden." Epidemiology of Asthma in Michigan. Bureau of Epidemiology, MI Department of Community Health, 2008.

² Bodman LLP public comment submitted to the US Coast Guard on behalf of Gateway Communities Development Collaborative on CATEX Document, dated September 13, 2006
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