From: Gordon Smith <gordonsmith@avlcouncil.com>
Sent: 10/24/2012 8:45:19 AM
To: Jonathan Wainscott
Cc: Ken Putnam, Cathy Ball, Gary Jackson
Subject: Re: traffic, New Belgium, etc.

Thanks for emailing this, Jonathan.

I spoke with Transportation Director Ken Putnam last night, and he continues to pursue the alternate route. I'm copying Ken and Cathy on this email. You can trust that they are both very thorough and professional.

I'm also copying our City Manager Gary Jackson to offer a history of exploring a ban on jake brakes. I know that this issue has been approached recently, and you and I could both use a primer on what's come before now.

As to Norfolk Southern and sounding horns, I recently spoke with one of their representatives who explained that they are very strongly holding to the position that they need the latitude to sound the horn. If we are asking N/S to work with us on creating an alternative truck route, it might be best to focus on just that rather than bring up an issue that they're feeling very strongly about. I am open to revisiting this, but I also think that there have been train horns in the railyard district for as long as it's existed.

Let me know if you'd like to get together. I was very impressed with how thorough your research and presentation was at the EWANA meeting, and I'd like to continue to build on the momentum built by the meeting.

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On Tue, Oct 23, 2012 at 8:06 PM, Jonathan Wainscott <jonwainscott@gmail.com> wrote:

> Gordon,
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> I met you briefly after the EWANA meeting a couple weeks back and just wanted to touch base with you. I have yet to hear back from Cathy Ball whom I emailed just this past Friday. I'm sure that all of our neighbors would like to see a concerted effort to seeing this alternative route come to fruition. Anything you can do to keep this plan on the table will be greatly appreciated.
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> I'd also like to offer you something to bring before the community. While researching traffic and commercial transportation I found out that many cities have laws restricting the use of engine brakes by tractor trailers within city limits. Engine braking is also known as Jake Braking. It's that loud machine-gun sound trucks make by using a governor on the engine so the wheel brakes don't have to be used. Kind of like down shifting with a stick-shift. Many of the neighbors are concerned with noise generated by New Belgium's operation and this my help reduce that. Better still, it's a city-wide benefit that I think would be very popular. Also, Norfolk Southern touts its concern for community issues in its sustainability report and mentions use of more secure signals at crossings to reduce the need for blasting their horns. They can also be made to act by municipal ordinances declaring quiet zones in certain areas. Maybe this is something you could help bring to the attention of the community.
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> Thanks for your support and service to the community. I look forward to speaking with you more.
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> Jonathan Wainscott