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July 22, 1999

Ms. Michelle Glenn  
U.S. EPA, Region IV  
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Re: Final Project Agreement, Project XL, for the  
Atlantic Steel Redevelopment

Dear Ms. Glenn:

I have had the opportunity to review the Draft Final Project Agreement for the above project. I live in Ansley Park and I have the following comments.

Ansley Park is one of Atlanta's most historic neighborhoods and has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places for more than 20 years. The neighborhood is unique in Atlanta, for its historic design and homes, its location in the heart of the Midtown area, and its mix of diverse housing in a small geographic area, from public housing to mansions, and everything in between. It is one of Atlanta's great neighborhood success stories, having fought back from severe decline in the 60's and 70's to become a model of the stable, pedestrian-friendly community - inclusive, active and diverse.

Ansley Park already suffers from increasing cut-through traffic and speeding, which endanger the many residents and workers who regularly walk, stroll, run, bike and skate through the neighborhood. Millions of square feet of development are under construction or are proposed for the area surrounding Ansley Park. By far the largest is the Atlantic Steel project. Although the site itself is on the other side of the interstate, the proposed bridge will bring the traffic impact of that development directly to Ansley Park's doorstep. The Final Project Agreement draft does not address Ansley Park's needs anywhere, nor does it include Ansley Park as a stakeholder. None of the appendices shows any study of the obvious impact on Ansley Park or proposes any measures to lessen that impact. The last round of public comments includes a letter from the project's traffic engineer suggesting that the bridge be linked all the way to West

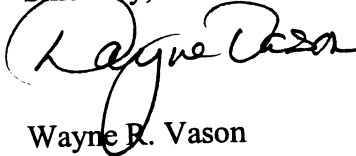
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Ms. Michelle Glenn  
July 21, 1999  
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Peachtree Street and Peachtree Street at 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Any such link poses an unacceptable danger to Ansley Park.

I urge the EPA, the State of Georgia and the City of Atlanta not to proceed with this project until, at a minimum, the following steps are taken: 1) include Ansley Park as a stakeholder, 2) include Ansley Park's input in the design and location of the bridge; 3) conduct a full study of the traffic impact, from Northside to Piedmont Avenue and from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Lindbergh Drive, with specific reference to affected neighborhoods such as Ansley Park, Midtown and others; 4) provide for funding of traffic calming measures in affected residential neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



Wayne R. Vason

WRV:cn

To: Michelle Glenn  
U.S. EPA, Region IV  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta Ga 30303

Re: Final Project Agreement, Project XL, for the Atlantic Steel Redevelopment

Dear Ms. Glenn:

I am very concerned about the Final Project Agreement for the Atlantic Steel Redevelopment, and would like my concerns to be made part of the public record.

We moved to Ansley Park more than twenty years ago because it embodied what we believed to be the best attributes of a neighborhood in which to rear our children. It has several parks, sidewalks, many beautiful trees, and a variety of architecture. It is close to the cultural hub of the City and we can walk to Symphony Hall and the High Museum of Art. It is a pedestrian-friendly, active and diverse neighborhood, and a wonderful place to live.

But we have seen changes in the past years that have already changed our way of life, the most dramatic being the increase in traffic that cuts through our neighborhood. We must be much more careful when we walk, bike, and even drive, as there are so many more cars, driving at a high rate of speed, through Ansley Park. Currently, there are millions of square feet of construction being built or planned all around us that can only create more traffic. The largest of these is the Atlantic Steel Project. The proposed bridge will bring a dramatic increase in traffic to the door of Ansley Park, and I did not see the needs of the neighborhood addressed anywhere in the proposals. This must be addressed and considered in the plans. We must be considered a stakeholder in this major project. The suggestion that the bridge be linked to West Peachtree Street and Peachtree at 17<sup>th</sup> Street is unacceptable.

Ansley Park is listed on the National Register of Historic places and the construction and proposals as they now stand pose an unacceptable danger to this neighborhood. I urge the EPA, the state of Georgia and the City of Atlanta not to proceed with these plans. Ansley Park must be included in discussions regarding the location of the bridge; traffic impact studies and funding for traffic diversion and calming. We have a committee of very capable professionals who will represent us in this challenging project and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Stephen R. Goldman  
Chair, Environment Committee of Ansley Park Civic Association

Mary Brooke DeLoache

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July 22, 1999

Ms. Michelle Glenn  
U.S. EPA, Region IV  
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Dear Ms. Glenn:

I live in Ansley Park, and I have the following comments to make about Project XL, for Atlanta - Steel Redevelopment.

Why would you plan a bridge that would dump more traffic on already congested Peachtree? At peak traffic hours, Piedmont is even worse.

If I understand the plan correctly, I do not believe that the traffic impact on midtown and Ansley Park has been fully studied.

Yours truly,  
Mary B. DeLoache

July 22, 1999

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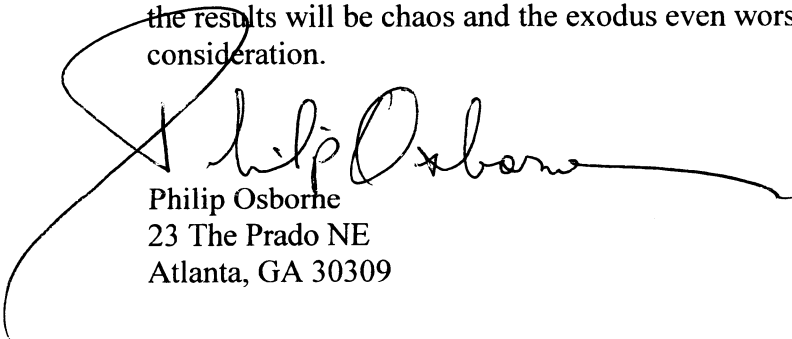
Dear Ms. Glenn:

I have studied carefully the draft agreement for the Project XL in connection with the Atlantic Steel Redevelopment. I have lived in Ansley Park for 27 years and watched with growing alarm the massive traffic increase. If and when a bridge is built over the expressway it will dump huge masses of traffic at our doorstep.

I beg the EPA, the state of Georgia and the City of Atlanta not to move forward on this project until Ansley Park, Mid-Town, Sherwood Forest, etc are brought into the deliberations.

Already many have fled these intown neighborhoods and gone to the suburbs. If anyone cares to check out these areas it will become totally clear the exodus is already under way. Please read carefully this and other letters, which I suspect will be coming in soon, if not already.

I have been an Atlanta City resident for close to 60 years. I treasure living in Atlanta. I dread the prospect of ever leaving. Please go slow and thoughtfully in any such project as the results will be chaos and the exodus even worse than it now is. Thank you for your consideration.



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cc: Commissioner Michael Dobbins  
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Ms. Michelle Glenn  
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Dear Ms. Glenn:

I have been a resident of Ansley Park for over 20 years, and I have been, and remain, an advocate for a vibrant central city.

No doubt others have written you to express concerns, not about whether the Atlantic Steel bridge should be built, but about how it should be routed. The bridge needs to meet the needs of both those who will be migrating to this exciting project and those who are already committed residents of intown Atlanta.

I am sure the argument has been eloquently made that an ill-advised traffic design will be a serious detraction from the quality of life of our intown community. My point is that this will affect not only those already living here but those who might otherwise wish to do so. Included among those, as already proven by recent real estate activity in the neighborhood, will be the very entrepreneurs who would want to develop intown businesses near to where they would be able to enjoy the right mix of cultural and residential amenities.

Going to great effort to create one pocket of dynamic urban design while putting another at risk is not an advancement but is only a swap - and a poor one at that.

Sincerely,



Stephen R. Goldman, MD

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July 23, 1999

Ms. Michelle Glenn  
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Re: Final Project Agreement, Project XL, for the Atlantic Steel Redevelopment

Dear Ms. Glenn:

We are residents of the Ansley Park neighborhood and are very concerned about the Final Draft Project Agreement for the above project.

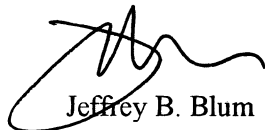
As both landscape architects and urban planners, we chose this historic neighborhood for its intown location, its historic parks, and its pedestrian-friendly environment.

What we discovered is that at certain times, the neighborhood is a popular cut-through, that its wide streets are abused by those seeking a short cut, and that at times, it can be quite dangerous. My wife, 6-month daughter, and myself were nearly broadsided as we turned into our driveway, as another driver tried to pass us on the left. Stop signs in the neighborhood are routinely ignored by drivers, making it a challenge for pedestrians.

We are extremely concerned that the increase in traffic from the Atlantic Street redevelopment site will increase cut-through traffic through our neighborhood, especially once a bridge spanning the Downtown Connector will terminate at our doorstep (17<sup>th</sup> Street).

We urge the EPA, the state of Georgia, and the City of Atlanta to: (1) include Ansley Park as a stakeholder; (2) that our input be considered in the design and location of a bridge spanning the Downtown Connector; and (3) that a full study of the traffic impact be conducted in the affected area (Northside Drive to Piedmont Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Lindbergh Drive). Specific reference to affected neighborhoods, especially Ansley Park, should be included and funding should also be provided in our neighborhood (and others) for traffic calming measures.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffrey B. Blum

  
Angela K. Parker



**Janet Gross, Ph.D.  
Jonathan Glass, M.D.  
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July 23, 1999

To: Michelle Glen  
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Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Final Project Agreement, Project XL, for the Atlantic Steel Redevelopment

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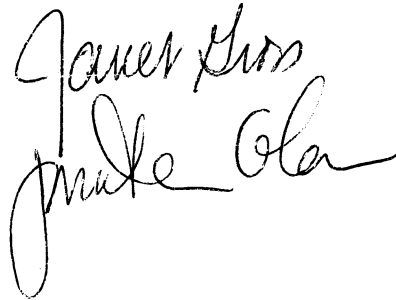
We are very concerned about the impact of a proposed bridge to be built linking the new community at the Atlantic Steel site and 17th Street at Peachtree Street. We believe the increased traffic resulting from the terminus of this bridge will cause a severe negative impact on the quality of life in Ansley Park and Peachtree Street in Midtown. Families with children are already very worried about the effect of the current traffic volume through our neighborhood. The present design of the bridge will only serve to worsen this problem.

We urge the EPA, the state of Georgia and the City of Atlanta not to proceed with this project until, at a minimum, the following steps are taken: 1) include Ansley Park residents as stake holders in this redevelopment project, 2) include Ansley Park's input in the design and location of the bridge, 3) conduct a full study of the traffic impact in the area affected by the bridge, 4) provide for funding of traffic calming measures in affected residential neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet Gross and Jonathan Glass

Handwritten signatures of Janet Gross and Jonathan Glass. The signature for Janet Gross is written in a cursive style, and the signature for Jonathan Glass is also in cursive, appearing below Janet's signature.

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July 26, 1999

Michelle Glenn  
US EPA Region IV  
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Dear Ms. Glenn:

I would like to comment on the draft final project agreement for Project XL for the Atlanta EPA Development. I am most concerned that this project will have detrimental effect on the midtown neighborhood because of increasing traffic pollution that will be brought into this historic district from the planned bridge that will link to the West Peachtree Street and Peachtree Street at 17<sup>th</sup> Street area. It has taken many years to develop a vibrant midtown neighborhood in the Ansley Park area, with mixed housing and attractiveness for people to live close to town. This is a truly working neighborhood. It should not be threatened by air pollution and cut-through traffic. As a resident, I urge the EPA, the State of Georgia and the City of Atlanta not to proceed with this project until at the minimum the Ansley Park neighborhood is included as a stakeholder, the Ansley Park neighborhood has input into the design and location of the bridge, conduct of a full traffic study impact from Northside to Piedmont Avenue and from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Lindberg Drive has been completed with specific reference to affected neighborhoods such as Ansley Park, Midtown and others, and funding is provided for traffic calming measure to the affected neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



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28 July 1999

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RE: Final Project Agreement, Project XL  
For the Atlantic Steel Redevelopment

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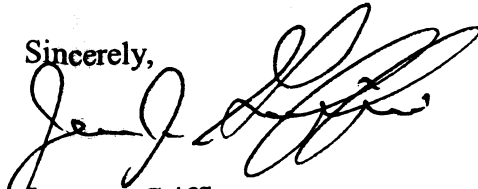
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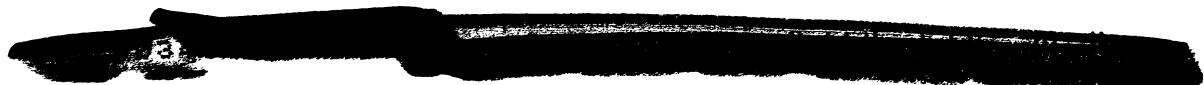


James J. Griffin



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Michelle Glenn  
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Bill Burnett  
Vice President of Operations

T H E  
C A P I T A L  
G . R . I . L . E

Dear Ms. Glenn,

I am writing you to express my concern over the potential negative impact on Ansley Park if traffic issues relative to the Atlantic Steel project are not properly planned. My home is on Beverly Road and we already endure speeding cars, trucks and taxis.

My job requires that I travel to several great American cities - Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, Washington, DC and Miami. One of the reasons these cities have such appeal is that care has been taken to preserve and enhance their historic neighborhoods. I believe that Ansley Park enjoys and deserves its reputation as a quality urban neighborhood. To dilute this "neighborhood" atmosphere by poor planning and lack of concern would be a shame.

Anders Drany is a welcome addition to the Atlantic Steel project - his work in urban and town planning is world renowned. I am hopeful that this project will proceed and eventually enhance our city.

Please add the taxpayers in Ansley Park

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to the group responsible for planning  
this important project.

Thank you for your time,

Bill Burnett  
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# ALLIANCE FOR MIDTOWN NEIGHBORHOODS

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August 6, 1999

Ms. Michelle Glenn  
U.S. EPA, Region IV  
61 Forsyth Street  
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Re: Final Project Agreement, Project XL, for the Atlantic Steel Redevelopment

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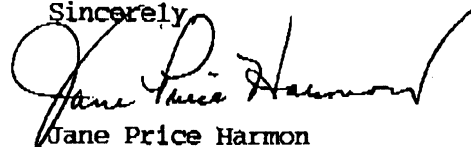
At our August 2 meeting, the Alliance for Midtown Neighborhoods voted to write to you concerning the Atlantic Steel project because it will adversely impact Ansley Park, Midtown and Sherwood Forest if the proposed bridge is built with traffic flowing onto Peachtree Street. The last round of public comments includes a letter from the project's traffic engineer suggesting that the bridge be linked all the way to West Peachtree Street and Peachtree Street at 17th Street.

Intown neighborhoods are experiencing tremendous pressure from development on their boundaries and suffer from increasing cut-through traffic and speeding thus affecting the quality of life that the city is trying to promote. These are stable, pedestrian-friendly communities that are inclusive, active and diverse.

We urge EPA, the state of Georgia and the City of Atlanta not to proceed with this project until (1) Ansley Park, Midtown and Sherwood Forest are included in all discussions and have input in the design and location of the bridge; (2) a full study of the traffic impact, from Northside to Piedmont Avenue and 10th Street to Lindbergh Drive is conducted paying close attention to the affected neighborhoods; (3) traffic calming measures are funded in the affected residential neighborhoods.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely



Jane Price Harmon  
Co-ordinator

August 7, 1999

Michelle Glenn  
U.S. EPA, Region IV  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Ms Glenn:

I am sure you have received many letters regarding our situation in Ansley Park with reference to the 17th Street Bridge from the Atlantic Steel Co. I wish to register my concern about the possible results of such an action

We have an in-town neighborhood in which we take pride and pleasure and would hate to see it destroyed by commercial infiltration.

I love Atlanta and like living "in town" where I have lived for many years. I hope that we can reconcile this situation for the good of all of us.

Yours very truly,

*Madeline P. Lasater*

Madeline P. Lasater  
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CC: Governor Roy Barnes  
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# JAY REYNOLDS

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August 16, 1999

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Re: Final Project Agreement, Project XL, for the Atlantic Steel Redevelopment

Dear Ms. Glen,

I have reviewed the Draft Final Project Agreement for the above project. As a longtime resident of Ansley Park, I find the Agreement will have a detrimental effect on Ansley Park, therefore Midtown and the City of Atlanta will suffer as well.

My home is located on the Piedmont end of the Prado. Our block has always had bad traffic problems such as speeding and parking because of the traffic from the festivals at the park. Speeding from cut-through traffic is hazardous to our children and adults as well. I have personally almost been run over several times trying to cross the street to a neighbor's house. Drivers come speeding around the curve at the Westminister end of the street at an alarming speed. The amount of traffic increases during rush hours, and it is hazardous even to pull out of the driveway!

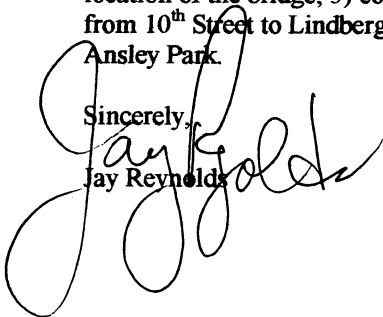
Ansley Park is unique; it has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places for over 20 years. Ansley Park is full of history as the first automobile sub-division. It housed the Governor of Georgia for the first half of this century. It has major importance for its diverse architecture.

The final Project Agreement poses a threat to the quality of life in Ansley Park, and threatens our property values. The Agreement proposes to build a bridge and dump more traffic into the park.

I urge the EPA to: 1) include Ansley Park as a stakeholder; 2) include Ansley Park's input in the design and location of the bridge; 3) conduct a full study of the traffic impact, from Northside to Piedmont Ave and from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Lindbergh Drive; 4) provide for funding of traffic calming measures in affected areas of Ansley Park.

Sincerely,

Jay Reynolds



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September 7, 1999

Ms. Michelle Glenn  
United States EPA, Region IV  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: **Final Project Agreement, Project XL,  
For The Atlantic Steele Redevelopment**

Dear Ms. Glenn:

Through the Ansley Park Civic Association Traffic Committee, I have had the opportunity to review the draft of the final project agreement for the above referenced project. I have lived in Ansley Park for 15 years and have some real concerns regarding this document.

Ansley Park is, as you know, a historic neighborhood and unique for its historic design and location in the heart of Mid-Town. As you also know, Ansley Park suffers from increasing cut-through traffic and speeding, specifically on Beverly Road, the street on which I live. As you may also be aware, millions of square feet of development are under development or proposed for the area surrounding Ansley Park.

By far the largest is the Atlantic Steele project. The comprehensive project agreement draft does not address Ansley Park's needs anywhere, nor do any of the proposed appendices show any study of impact on the area and thus no proposals of measure to lessen that impact.

The most troubling of all public comments is the project's traffic engineer's suggestion that the bridge be linked all the way to West Peachtree and Peachtree Street at 17<sup>th</sup> Street. This type of link would pose extraordinary problems for Ansley Park residents.

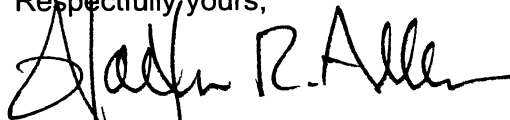
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I respectfully request the state and city look closer at this neighborhood's stake in this potential development program. Please consider a full study of the traffic impact from Northside Drive to Piedmont Avenue and from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Lindbergh Drive, with specific reference to the affected neighborhoods. Please do not allow these in-town neighborhoods to find themselves **in the same fix as our friends in the suburbs!** At the moment, our traffic problems are reasonably handled and we need to not let them overwhelm us in the name of "progress".

I am sure you have received many more letters outlining our plea for assistance. I hope you will understand our real concern and request more study be done on these exciting, but overwhelming, development plans.

Thank you for any consideration,

Respectfully yours,



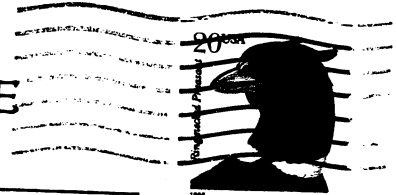
Walter R. Allen

Aug. 24, '99

Dear Michelle Glenn,

I live in Ansley Park, & I am really concerned about the proposed Atlantic Steel Redevelopment, and its impact on this neighborhood. I do hope Ansley Pk. Civic Ass'n. will have input on the Design & location of the proposed Bridge. Thanks for listening! Dorothy Gibson-Ferrey

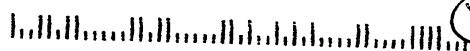
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Dear Ms. Glenn:

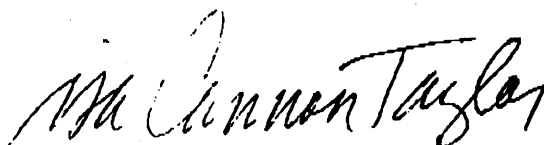
I was able to attend the Project XL/ EPA Atlantic Steel meeting in June and I love the idea of a vibrant intown community because I live in one myself- Ansley Park. The turnout of Ansley Park residents shows how committed we are to our neighborhood and how opposed we would be to anything that would threaten it. In the past we have been threatened by crime, flight to the suburbs and commercial encroachment and we have not only persevered, we have prospered. Ansley Park is the blueprint, the original that many land planners are trying to emulate today. We are an intown, elegant, historic neighborhood designed around large common spaces conducive to biking, walking and visiting your neighbors. Many of us walk to the library, the museum, to the Arts Center, to church and our children to preschool. A number of residents walk to work in midtown or take Marta at the Arts Center. (Not exactly the norm in Atlanta.) This is very similar to what the Atlanta Steel Project is trying to accomplish. An increase in traffic will change the dynamics of this unique neighborhood.

Ansley Park already suffers from increasing cut-through traffic and speeding, but not to the extent it will in the future. Millions of square feet of development are under construction or are proposed for the area surrounding Ansley Park. By far the largest is the Atlantic Steel project. Although the site itself is on the other side of the interstate, the proposed bridge will bring the traffic impact of that development directly to Ansley Park's doorstep. Traffic corridors will form through Ansley, decimating our community. The Final Project Agreement draft does not address Ansley Park's needs anywhere, nor does it include Ansley Park as a stakeholder. None of the appendices shows any study of the obvious impact on Ansley Park or proposes any measures to lessen that impact. The last round of public comments includes a letter from the project's traffic engineer suggesting that the bridge be linked all the way to West Peachtree Street and Peachtree Street at 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Any such link poses an unacceptable danger to Ansley Park.

I urge the EPA, the state of Georgia and the City of Atlanta not to proceed with this project until, at a minimum, the following steps are taken:

- 1) include Ansley Park as a stakeholder;
- 2) include Ansley Park's input in the design and location of the bridge;
- 3) conduct a full study of the traffic impact, from Northside to Piedmont Avenue and from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Lindbergh Drive, with specific reference to affected neighborhoods such as Ansley Park, and Midtown provide for funding of traffic calming measures in affected residential neighborhoods.
- 4) Cul-de-sacing 17<sup>th</sup> Street to keep cut through traffic out of Ansley

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