

The following was posted to Facebook in response to #EnvisionFranklin.

**JUN 17**

**City of Franklin: Should buildings near I-65 be allowed to be 3-4 stories taller if it could keep these uses from sprawling into other areas of Franklin? #EnvisionFranklin**

- Kerri Faulkner Harvey: Yeah if you want to be Nashville
- Katherine Faulman: How about putting a stop to the building altogether? We have enough traffic, no public transit, and our beautiful scenery is going away. (16 Likes)
  - Jeff Ledbetter: It seems that the current logic is that as long as downtown stays nice, then building on every square inch of open space in the rest of the city is perfectly okay. However, this indirectly negatively impacts downtown.
- Jeff Ledbetter: What is wrong with simply capping growth? What makes Williamson County (and Franklin) desirable will cease to exist if the current course is continued. (19 Likes)
- Judy Maddox Goodwin: Stop building! (6 Likes)
- Daphne McKell Bock: Franklin is already a concrete circus. And there are plans to make it worse. Progress blah blah blah...
- Julie Fritz Hunt: Welcome to Atlanta. (7 Likes)
- Beth Callard Vriesman: No building without adequate infrastructure addition. That means road widening and parking. (6 Likes)
- Ann Walker: I think there has to be a vote to see what the residents want. Franklin was a quaint small town which made you feel you were living in Mayberry the perfect town on TV or do you want to become like Nashville. If you have lived in the area for decades you can remember what Nashville used to be like. It was a sleeper you new change would eventually catch up but you had mixed feelings. Now Williamson county has the same decision to make. Personally I like the Mayberry feel keeping the skyscrapers at bay. Infrastructure will crumble if not upgraded as you grow. Sometimes you have to make the decision "Have we grown enough?" Sometimes a moratorium on expansion provides time to reflect. Best of luck to Franklin that has been known as a top small town in the US. Are you willing to loose the best of both worlds close to the action yet a shining diamond of small town USA. (6 Likes)
- Kerri Faulkner Harvey: Your killing the goose that laid the golden eggs (5 Likes)
- Nita Chapman: Maybe it's time for Franklin's leaders to start being a bit more selective in their building/development approvals. We're already behind on building the infrastructure needed to support this huge growth spurt. Traffic has definitely gotten worse over the past 3 years. I don't go anywhere near Cool Springs during lunch hours and during commute hours. It takes forever to get from West to East side of Franklin (let's push Matt Hatcher completion!). I think Franklin leaders see \$\$\$ signs (revenue) and they get blinded by that. I don't want to see our quiet, quaint, historical small-town culture disappear. (9 Likes)

- Gary McDow: No
- Joan Sundwall Paulson: No!!! It is extremely sad to see all of the beautiful country and wooded areas being destroyed for more buildings and houses. Franklin has definitely lost the charm that it once had. Taller buildings will cover up the scenic views of the beautiful hills. (8 Likes)
- Gary McDow: Short building part of what makes Franklin special. If you start wanting look and be like bigger city Franklin will lose its appeal and be just another town you see anywhere. If you want big city look move.
- Amy Butler: No. The tall buildings are already starting to cover up the beautiful hills. Franklin has the advantage at this time to pick and choose who they let in to this community as far as business goes. We should do everything within our power to keep the beauty and charm here as much as possible. (7 Likes)
- Glenn Grabbe: But definitely not anything over 10 stories.
- Rita Matthews: I'm just getting tired of all the building going on myself.
- Luanne Gillig McConnell: Please stop!!!!!!
- Juli Holcomb: HELL NO! Seriously? The roadways cant handle what we have. The Hillsboro Rd widening is nice.....25+ years overdue.....and the proposed Columbia Ave widening is, well...I wont go there. Seems that some areas of Franklin are ignored while pushing growth in others. What happened to the development on Royal Oaks Blvd. that looks like a ghost town? Oh, wait, PLEASE don't push that project until traffic there is addressed first. The traffic in Franklin...ALL OVER Franklin....is a nightmare. There are existing areas of Franklin that could be better utilized if we had a better road planning. Driving through Downtown Franklin every day to get to Cool Springs to work is only a step away from hell, and that's on a good day! (6 Likes)
- Lynn Stampley: I am so tired of seeing construction wherever I go. It is ruining this sweet town. Franklin is not nearly as good as it used to be. Please stop pouring concrete. Our green is disappearing fast. It is so incredibly sad.
- Monica Bagnara: I live in California and have visited Franklin many times so i keep up via FB. I agree with many people here to keep it green and not to let it become a big city. It is such a beautiful place to visit. I think it will lose its charm if you allow too many large businesses...and your traffic will be horrible like it is here....
- Chris Hesson Boyd: I appreciate you asking. I think Cool Springs development is okay 3- 10 stories if that will keep the growth of commercial away from downtown Franklin and the Hillsboro and Franklin rd corridors.
- Stephen Delaney: Keep Franklin green and stop the madness. NOW!!!! I am actually wondering how much longer I can live here. Been in too many other places with untamed growth. Make that GREED!
- Jill Anne: No!
- Gary McDow: It should not even be debated the idea from the beginning it's crazy. no tall buildings. And remember we pay the taxes we should have to say not some committee
- Gary McDow: Majority of the people move to the small towns to get away from this type of thing.

- Natalie Carrel Abruzzo: Not without addressing the traffic on the roads nearby first. McEwen Drive, Carothers, Cool Springs Blvd, Mallory Lane.

- Kelly Brown: No. The city needs managed growth and doing it by adding stories to buildings is not the answer. We're already at a point where traffic is crazy and our quality of life is impacted.

- Kelly Brown: And watch out west side. Once the east is inundated with buildings, people and traffic, you're next. It's out of control.

- Diana Gant Tullis: No No No No No.

- Troy Snider: No for two reasons- 1. Traffic is a nightmare right now near those streets and will just get worse. 2. The tall buildings will block the view of the scenic hills and ridge-line.

## JUN 23

### Franklin Tomorrow: Should buildings along Interstate 65 be allowed to be taller?

- Jennifer Schanhals: Absolutely not. Already numerous eye sores along the highway now. Takes away from the small town feel. The city needs to take a good look around and see how the city is changing. People moved here for the aesthetics along with numerous other reasons. Before long all this will encroach into downtown Franklin as well, and we will lose the very important qualities that so many of us appreciate.

- Michael Phillips: NO!

- Jill Anne: No!

## JUN 27

### City of Franklin: Would you like to see a place like this in the Cool Springs area? Why or why not? #EnvisionFranklin (Image of a multi-use development)

- David Franzen: I would rather see widening and beautification projects on existing roads instead of building more retail for marginal chains. I would be much more excited to see an upgraded traffic control center and water treatment plant than I would new space that independent shop owners can never afford. Why are we insisting on more growth and recognition that "we're number one" when local folks I talk to say they avoid downtown these days? (18 Likes)

- Jill Anne: Stop building. You're currently on a fast track to ruining what we love and attracted us to our community!

- Kathi Lynn Stampley: No more construction in Franklin!!!! It is beyond ridiculous now!! (9 Likes)

- Jeff Ledbetter: Ridiculously stupid.

- Rick Stults: They won't be happy until Franklin is a slick, soulless, Disneyland

- Sandy Squires Bennett: PLEASE keep the history and hometown feel of Franklin. That's why we moved here. PLEASE stop the high price specialty shops and bring back the local businesses and owners that are neighbors.

- Candace Logue: No no no

- Diana Gant Tullis: NO, Franklin has been ruined by just these types of developments.

**JUN 28**

**Michael Phillips: Get involved in your community. #FranklinTN #EnvisionFranklin**

- Amy Beckum Luker: Thank you, Michael Phillips for standing up for our community! Nashville and Franklin will soon become an Atlanta version of traffic but none of the officials seem to care.

**JUL 26**

**Michael Phillips: Make your voices heard. #EnvisionFranklin with more traffic!**

- Robert Jackson: Eviscerate Franklin. These guys are just pimping this town out. Need to fire them all.

**JUL 26**

**Michael Phillips: #EnvisionFranklin with even more traffic! City planners want to change the rules to allow a 33% increase in office space. #FranklinTN use you voice and #JustSayNo #TooMuchTraffic #StaySmall**

- Nikki Andrews: Enough is enough. Greed is taking over.

- Sandra Hoving Engstrand: Noooooooooooooo!!!

- Rodney Taylor: We are fast losing our "little town." I'm for economic growth, but this is getting ridiculous.

- Mira Fleischman: No.....

- Chatrina Harkai: NO!!! NO!!! NO!!!

- Jennifer Starr Housley: Why don't they just let Nashville annex Franklin?...we need to get new city planners!!!!!!

- Donna Harris: NO

- Von Derry: N.O.

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- Jeff Ledbetter: We need to make sure our "leaders" know that we do not support their "grow at all costs" mentality. I'm not sure they will listen but we have to make a stand.
- Donna Harris: I've been expressing my displeasure for several yrs now. This grow, grow, grow, at all costs and the greed really does need to stop!
- Michelle Yount Massey: I don't believe we have the infrastructure to handle this growth, nor will it contribute to the attractiveness of this town. A more measured approach to growth seems a wiser move.
- Chris Ousley: Lunacy. Fat cats will get their way because of \$\$

## AUG 21

### City of Franklin: #EnvisionFranklin What would you like for Franklin's future? Attend the public meetings!

- Kerri Faulkner Harvey: The way it use to be (6 Likes)
- Connie Holt Flatt: It will never be the same wonderful, small, caring community it once was.
- Kerri Faulkner Harvey: Agree it's not historical anymore
- Michael Phillips: Less traffic. More pedestrian connectivity. Views that do not include 16 story buildings. #StaySmall (9 Likes)
- Andy Tiedt: Need to allow the city's infrastructure to catch up with growth. Mack Hatcher extension must get built soon it's strangling the west side of the city. (8 Likes)