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Connector Roads

Through the efforts of the Freedom Area Citizens Council, Freedom residents will have an opportunity to air their thoughts and to give vital public input on an issue that threatens to divide our community. That issue is connector roads, and FACC will present Commissioners Dean Minnich and Perry Jones next Thursday, November 13th at 7:30 PM in the Freedom Christian Church at Carrolltowne Center in a town-hall styled meeting that should provide all area residents a chance to weigh in. Our elected officials need to hear your views.

As many area residents know, connector roads that have long been part of the master plan as a way to improve access and alleviate some of the stress on our failing state roads and intersections. It is certainly understandable why some see connector roads as a must. Citizens affected argue that although connector roads may have been planned, the county's failure to properly manage development of neighborhoods adjacent to and along planned connector roads has created an unsafe and impractical solution.

Both sides have important arguments, so a full understanding of your concerns by the Commissioners is clearly in everyone's best interests. All Freedom residents have a vested interest in better access and traffic relief, but forcing existing plans without input from the community would be pointless in our opinion. If there are alternatives or options, we need to know what they are. We also believe that citizens have a right to be heard, and we're grateful that our Commissioners feel the same way.

The FACC board has agreed to remain neutral, believing in this case that it is our job to keep citizens informed and to provide a public forum for their views. Please join us as we welcome Commissioners Minnich and Jones to our Thursday, Nov. 13th FACC meeting. Do not miss this vital opportunity to be heard, regardless of what your thoughts and concerns are. All residents of the Freedom/Liberty/Sykesville area are invited to attend. More information can be found on www.freedomareacitizens.org.