

PLANNING COMMISSION CASE REPORT

Case Number: MR 2015-134

PC Meeting Date: 11-09-15

Applicant Request

Mandatory Referral for an abandonment of portion of Bauxite Road

Property Location:	11,000 block of Bauxite Road
Property Owner:	Benjamin Eudy, Edna Erwin, Plowman Cemetery, Southern Adventist University
Applicant:	Hamilton County Engineering/Todd Leamon, Public Works Director

Project Description

- Proposal: Hamilton County desires to abandon and close a large western portion of the Bauxite Road right-of-way.

Site Analysis

Site Description

- Location: Beginning 841 feet from the 11,000 block of Old East Brainerd Road at the northeast corner of Tax Map 161-061 going westward approximately 3,119 feet.
- The eastern half of Bauxite Road right-of-way is currently physically open and in use by the public (Tier 1).
- Bauxite Road is located on the west side of Old East Brainerd Road approximately 1,700 feet north of East Brainerd Road in the Apison area.
- The eastern half of Bauxite Road currently provides access for parcels 161-061, 161-162 and 161-064. The western half is gated and provides access to parcels 161-046 and 161-047 owned by Southern Adventist University. This is the portion proposed for abandonment.

Policy

- It is the policy of the Regional Planning Agency and other public agencies to retain rights-of-way for public use and only to recommend the permanent closure and abandonment of rights-of-way when it is concluded that the public has no further need to retain this right-of-way and that its abandonment is necessary to achieve a significant private or public interest.

Key Findings

- Abandoning the western portion of the Bauxite Road right-of-way as described would still leave the adjoining properties with access to Bauxite Road and Old East Brainerd Road.
- Since the portion to be abandoned is gated, and not in public use, there is no public interest in keeping the right-of-way open.

Staff Recommendation

Approve.