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Honorable Councilman,

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) retained HNTB Ohio Inc. to conduct a Safety Engineering Study along US 23 and US 52 and assess safety conditions, identify deficiencies and recommend solutions to problems. ODOT is currently reviewing the report and will either accept or reject their findings. I spoke with ODOT District 9 on getting funding to assist the City in fixing some of the problems mentioned in the report. The District responded favorably and will speak to State ODOT.

On 12 June 2007, I attended a meeting with ODOT and HNTB to discuss the findings of the study. Statistically, we have many areas that exceed the statewide average of crashes per million. The average is 0.199 and the City of Portsmouth ranges from 0.534 to 1.358.

The attached CD contains the primary 35 pages of the five inch binder containing the entire report. I am providing you a copy of the findings and recommended near term, mid term, and long term solutions.

I recommend you become familiar with this. ODOT will be hosting a town meeting (at a time to be determined) to discuss the report and the solutions. There are two controversial issues in the solution. (1) Removing unwarranted signals. (2) Access management. Both need to be heavily supported to make the main routes safer.

If you have questions or need clarification on any thing in the report, please contact me.
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Respectfully Yours,

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