

My name is **Barb Warwick**. I live in the Four Mile Run section of Greenfield. I'm a working mother of four and sit on the board of my neighborhood community association.

In 2015, the City first announced its plan to build a shuttle road through my neighborhood and Schenley Park to connect the Hazelwood Green development and CMU's campus. Since then, my neighbors and I have been fighting to stop this project. We've voiced our opposition to the Mayor's office and City Council. We've attended meetings and budget hearings, written letters, held press conferences, and led community marches. We've worked with our neighbors in Hazelwood and Oakland as well as Pittsburghers for Public Transit to create an alternative transportation plan – Our Money, Our Solutions – that would provide our communities with faster, more effective, and more affordable bus service to more locations.

During this fight, we have won some major improvements to the City's plan. These include a flood mitigation project in Four Mile Run, park enhancements, and bike and pedestrian improvements – none of which were part of the original concept. We also won weekend service on the 93 bus starting next month – connecting residents of Hazelwood and Greenfield to Oakland, Squirrel Hill, Bloomfield, and Lawrenceville – actually improving mobility for our communities while the City and DOMI have done nothing but waste millions in consulting and design fees.

Let's be clear. Despite an unprecedented budget shortfall, the City wants to spend more than \$20 million taxpayer dollars and hand over our public park so that Almono LP (i.e. Heinz, RK Mellon, and Benedum) can offer luxury mini-shuttles to Oakland as part of its real-estate development. And then Almono has the audacity to claim these shuttles are a free service for residents? At nine seats max, they could barely transport two families. If these foundations really want to serve their mission to support better mobility and a better life in Pittsburgh, they would be funding better bus service – real transportation solutions – all across the city.

Now, I have been to these public meetings before. This is not my first rodeo. I get that the City is just checking the "public input" box before it bulldozes ahead with this project. But I want Mayor Peduto to know; I want Corey O'Connor to know that when we head to the ballot box in 2021 and 2023 – we're going to remember this moment – we're going to remember your complicity. You have the choice to use our \$20 million dollars to help the people living and struggling in Pittsburgh today. And if this road gets built and you start running shuttles through our park, those shuttles are going to take you both straight to the unemployment office.