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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	11/26/24
<b>Meeting:</b>	Finance Committee
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<b>Subject:</b>	Environmental study
<b>Comment:</b>	<p>My comments are my own and do not reflect any other organizations.</p> <p>Once upon a time, in a state not far from here, there was a significant problem with old, leaking gas and petroleum storage tanks across the state. People were deeply concerned that the leaking gas and chemicals could seep into the groundwater and water systems, poisoning communities and rendering the land unusable for generations to come. However, the high cost of tank replacement and soil remediation was a major barrier. Tank owners couldn't</p>

afford to undertake this necessary work on their own. To address this, they partnered with the state to share the costs. Together, they replaced the leaking storage tanks, remediated the soil, and protected groundwater and drinking water for future generations.

This brings me to the proposed transportation building plan. It seems premature to move forward with this project without first completing an environmental study. Isn't such a study already required by law? If so, has it been completed, and what are the findings?

Additionally:

- Will this project create a safe environment for trucks, gas, and chemical storage tanks?
- What will be the impact on the nearby middle school, including children and staff?
- What about the surrounding residents

There are too many unanswered questions. It seems like more due diligence and careful planning are needed before committing significant tax dollars to this project. Let's ensure the necessary studies and safeguards are in place to protect the community and the environment.

Thank you for your time

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