

# RGPUD – DID YOU KNOW?



Braintree officials have not questioned that the “concept” plan will be financially beneficial to Braintree but a closer analysis shows most of ZOM’s numbers are erroneous and this project will COST BRAINTREE MORE MONEY THAN IT WILL GENERATE IN TAX REVENUE.

	ZOM ESTIMATE	CORRECTED ESTIMATE
Gross Rev. Taxes, Excise Taxes & CPA	\$1,418,363	<b>\$942,237 to \$1,103,193</b>
Estimated Municipal Costs		
Police	-\$125,000	<b>-\$162,500</b>
Fire	-\$148,773	<b>-\$148,773</b>
Other Departments	-\$49,500	<b>-\$49,500</b>
School Costs	-\$301,802	<b>-\$1,390,025 to -\$2,406,578</b>
Total Costs	-\$625,075	<b>-\$1,750,798 to -\$2,767,351</b>
Net Annual Positive Fiscal Impact	<b>+\$793,288</b>	<b>-\$647,605 to -\$1,825,114</b>

- It ignores approximately \$175K in taxes currently collected on the property and the assessed value of the completed project is probably not \$1.3M but closer to \$1M or even less. Therefore, **net tax revenue is overstated by approximately \$300K to \$475K annually.**
- Police costs are understated by approximately **\$40K annually.**
- Their estimate of 21 school aged children (2 new sections) is a significant undercount compared to national estimates which put the number conservatively at 55-106 (5-8 new sections). Their total education cost of \$301K assumes teacher base salaries and special education will be the only expense. When other costs (benefits, paraprofessionals, materials, transportation, food, activities, etc.) are factored in and combined with the higher student counts, **the total education cost is \$1.4M to \$2.4M.**
- Their analysis ignores millions of dollars in capital expenditures negating the upfront benefit of permitting fees.

**Accounting for all of these errors means instead of the gain of \$800,000 ZOM has suggested there will be a LOSS OF \$650,000 to \$1,800,000 every year for Braintree.**

Does this concern you? Even if you have already contacted your local officials, let them know how you feel about this:

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