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Hello, LMD Team -

As the self-designated Border Collie, I have been asked to herd our e-mail participants into the corral. Please use this new thread for all additional communication. I've copy-pasted the most recent post from this group, so we can work from here.

If there are additional folks to be added please include them in a 'reply all' stating who was added. Same procedure if you no longer wish to receive e-mail from this, the largest e-mail thread.

Thanks,  
-Maureen

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Well said, Kim and Alice!

This project will have implications for generations to come, not just until the next time LMD has to be resurfaced. The City's policies are there to speed along the democratic process by trusting that it was that process the gave rise to the policies. And there are many places where groups of neighbors would oppose sidewalks purely for aesthetic reasons. So it usually works. But not in this case.

The City's policies are thoughtful enough to recognize that they don't apply to every situation. But in looking at the Complete Streets page, I couldn't find a category that fit LMD at all. A parkway? Nope. Their example was John Nolan Drive. A residential street? Not really. It runs through acres of land that have been designated of National cultural significance because of the archeological and historical value. How about 'rural city street'? That was how the Indian Hills neighborhood was advertised when it was annexed by the city in 1938. Not listed. What about 'environmentally fragile streets'? Not listed. Complete Streets has nothing that gives the city guidance on our special situation.

We need to slow down and do this well.

-Maureen

On Mar 14, 2022, at 11:18 AM, Kimberly McBride <[kasmcbride@gmail.com](mailto:kasmcbride@gmail.com)> wrote:

Well said Alice. I felt stunned and unheard after the Transportation zoom meeting. This city is not as enlightened as it presumes to be. The watershed is of utmost importance in this conversation and I would be willing to see the street project be put on hold til the next calendar year if it meant the city would address this and come up with some workable solutions aside from a few rain gardens.  
Kim

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 14, 2022, at 9:32 AM, Alice Erickson  
<[alicatraz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alicatraz@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:

I wanted to add to a few thoughts but have struggled to clear my mind after the Transportation Commission meeting last week. Obviously, this is an issue that is deeply concerning to the neighborhood, seeing the responses. My thoughts:

- The most critical thing is the state of Lake Mendota and our water source well #14. While this never was the case in past decades, by the end of the winter I feel like I've been living by the Salton Sea. My blue car is white, all the roads are white, my coats have turned white from brushing against my salt covered car. Where is all this whiteness going to go? Lake Mendota. In the summer, it is a different story – after a storm all the water and debris starting at the soccer fields on Mineral Point make their beeline into Spring Harbor creating a brown plumb. To me I see it as a giant toilet flush each rainstorm. Why – because of the constant removal of green space – across University at Craig Ave. it used to be marshlands that filtered the water – no more. So why, at this point in world history, when our environment is so vulnerable, why can't we pause to really discuss how this project is going to affect the waters of Madison for the future. I'm in the later part of my life and my kids don't live in the state, so it won't affect us but it will affect all the children and grandchildren of Madison for generations to come. Madison has been a shining example of progressiveness – one of the reasons I make my home here. Let's make a statement to the country about what we are doing to protect our environment.
- Moving the sidewalk to the north side at the LMD hill on the east. I was stunned that with just a simple comment, this is up on the table. For anyone that lives and experiences this neighborhood, this truly seems like a nonstarter option. For one thing – just compare the number of driveways on the north to the south.

There will be a LOT of danger of someone being backed into out of already difficult driveways. The concern regarding people crossing Merrill Springs or Risser is not really valid – very, very few cars use those intersections compared to people coming in and out of the driveways on the north. Again an example that you don't really understand how our neighborhood functions. In fact, has anyone considered totally dead ending those two streets and making them into raingardens to help the rush of water, dirt, salt, etc that flows down them now.

- Sidewalks – I am totally opposed to sidewalks. I think the only risky place in the neighborhood is the stretch between Minocqua Crescent and Spring Harbor Drive. A walk could easily be placed along the park between those streets. That said, if the city insists on sidewalks, I'm still unclear why something like Edgehill Drive (which is on only one side of the road) can't be used. (see attached). The city worries about not having side terraces. There are none on this stretch (and this is also at a hill). A concern about safety – this part of Edgehill is heavily used as there is a nearby elementary school and swimming pool. I see little kids all the time – walking, playing, on bikes using this. They also manage the plowing. This section is more heavily used than our part of LMD, because not only does it serve Shorewood, it is also the exit point for all commuters using the University Ave. bypass (also known as LMD).
- Finally I wanted to address the behavior at the meeting. I found it terribly distressing to see our Alder jump in (unasked for) and, to me, felt like a scolding towards Maureen. Uncalled for by a city representative. I was also quite insulted by being categorized as a conservative up norther – you do NOT know me. Maybe I am, maybe I'm not – and that is true of the people on this call. But I do know these people – we are NOT! I think a lot of us feel greatly saddened that with some trips to the neighborhood, the city feels it knows the neighborhood. We are hurt that before this all started, no one was considerate enough to come out and speak with us to just have discussions and hear what might be concerns 'before' the pretty much finished plan was finally shown to us. A final note – I was shocked that after a petition of almost 200 people, and all but about 2 people speaking against moving rapidly on this plan, the comment by the TC commission was that there must be people out there wanting sidewalks. So much for the 'voice' of Democracy.

Thank you for listening to my comments.

Alice Erickson

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