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Dear Members of the Economic Development Committee:

When you review the traffic study prepared by Strand and Associates, I urge you to keep two things in mind: first that the results of this study are in complete contradiction with the neighborhood plan adopted by Common Council on 5 Feb. 2008, <http://www.danenet.org/tlna/plan2008.pdf>

On pp 36-39 the Tenney Lapham neighborhood plan calls for the return of Johnson and Gorham to 2-way streets. This is important for the viability of the neighborhood in terms of livability, property values and business development. Anecdotally I can share that when my son was in grade school, I would often drive him to his friend's house on the other side of Johnson/Gorham, so much that I felt it was unsafe to walk him there. These 2 arterials create an urban highway that divides our neighborhood, depress property values and discourage home ownership.

This study looked at one thing and one thing only: how to maximize traffic flow through our neighborhood. It did not comprehensively evaluate the impact of these urban highways on economic development.

Secondly, please use the survey results for anecdotal purposes only. No attempt was made properly to statistically validate the survey and to correlate its results geographically.

Sincerely,

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