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Keith: By Reply All, please provide all the City's specific policies and procedures "as related to safety, accessibility, and equity that is (sic) not negotiable," plus an explanation of the legal authority on which your intransigence is based. Thanks. Jeff

On Feb 6, 2022, at 4:17 PM, Furman, Keith <district19@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Sandra,

To be clear, a survey records the current conditions of the street. It's not a reconstruction plan. There has been planning of this project for some time when it relates to budget [approvals] and capturing data (traffic, survey, etc).

A redesign plan cannot be put together without that work. Engineering, and its partners, is currently working on the plan using the survey work (as well as multiple on-site visits) as the basis for the engineering plan designs. That as well as the City's policies and procedures and resident feedback will influence the design.

I stand by my statement that a plan doesn't exist. When it does, everyone will get an opportunity to see it and discuss it. The good news is the plan should be ready for discussion soon and the next public information meeting date will be confirmed once that's it's clear when it's done.

I understand there is a lot of frustration that the City's policies and procedures as related to safety, accessibility and equity is not negotiable. If it's possible to include sidewalk(s) without impacting the tree canopy, that will be part of the plan. Many people have sent in their concerns and suggestions, and wherever possible, those are being incorporated into the discussion and possibly design. People have suggested no sidewalks at all, alternatives to sidewalks, alternative types of sidewalks, concerns about the environment, water quality, curbs and effigy mounds.

There is a major difference between a park design and a street reconstruction. There are multiple street reconstructions every year in Madison. Again, to be clear, there are policies and procedures for these projects that will be followed. That does include public input, but not voting on safety, accessibility and equity.

I continue to remain open to discussions and feedback, but I don't believe it's my job to let the loudest voices or majority decide safety decisions. No project process does that. People welcome to continue to advocate for what they'd like to see. In addition to continuing to send e-mails, there will be many additional steps in the process that allow for public feedback:

- Late Feb. or Early March: Second Public Information Meeting (held virtually)
 - o Post card to be mailed prior, and registration link will be on project page
- 3/9/2022: Street Design for LMD to Transportation Commission (estimated date)
- 3/16/2022: Street Design for LMD to Board of Public Works (estimated date)
- 4/8/2022: Mail Estimated Assessments, Public Hearing Notice for 2022 Project (estimated date)
- 4/20/2022: BPW Public Hearing on 2022 Project (estimated date)
- 5/10/2022: Common Council Hearing on 2022 Project (estimated date)
- 8/1/2022: Begin Construction on 2022 Project (estimated date)
- Winter 2022: Start public meetings for 2023 reconstruction project

I live on Lake Mendota Drive. I'm incredibly familiar with the street. The success of this project is very important to me as well.

Thanks for your feedback and feel free to continue to send your questions and suggestions our way.

-Keith F.

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2/6/2022

Alderman Furman:

I have been following with great interest your ongoing discussion with our neighbor, Jeff Bauer, concerning the LMD reconstruction. Let me state upfront that I am very unhappy to have had to learn about something so significant to the fabric of my neighborhood by seeing surveyors working in my yard. This was the first time I had any indication that the city was planning significant changes to the main passage through the area and the jewel of not only the neighborhood but the entire city-Lake Mendota Drive. When I asked the surveyors what they were doing, they responded they were surveying the area for the city-to redo the street. Now, you are claiming that after all this legwork has been done, that the city has no plan, either proposed or in place, for this project-the one we were able to find out about in the city's 11/5/21 online update where it was stated that no street design alternatives had been developed but public input opportunities would be available later this winter. But then, at the time of the January 11 meeting after carefully and thoughtfully filling out and submitting two surveys, it became crystal clear, at least to me, many decisions had been already made and no one running the meeting cared how members of the neighborhood felt about those decisions. When residents were asked to give feedback, to what-we didn't know because there is "no plan", our input was (not so) politely ignored when it didn't seem to align with what had apparently been decided on by others (whatever that is, we don't know because we haven't been privy to earlier discussions in the suspected, decision-making process).

I find it difficult to believe that the city has begun this complicated, extensive, topographically challenging, environmentally and historically sensitive project with no (even preliminary) plan in place. Indeed, the Mayor, in her letter on January 20, responding to Jeff Bauer stated, "This is a project on which our Engineering, Traffic Engineering, Sanitary and Storm Water Utility have been working for some time". So, which is it, Mr. Alderman? Is the city beginning a project going in blind, admitting to making significant incorrect estimates of auto traffic volume and speed and likely on-street parking also, with no proposed plan, getting the entire neighborhood significantly riled up and then ignoring the strong and consistent feelings of the residents involved? As you stated in your email to Jeff on January 31 that there is no secret, developed plan-"the plan for Lake Mendota Drive reconstruction doesn't exist yet". It seems to me you are trying to defend a position that is directly contradicted, in writing, by the Mayor.

I also read with great interest, as I'm sure many others did, the article in the Feb. 2, 2022 Wisconsin State Journal - "Council invites design contest for waterfront". Where are OUR design teams with their master plan competition? The Lake Monona time frame for plan selection is by Sept.1, 2023. Why are we on a rushed, 2-month time frame when other projects are allowed to develop over a 2-year time frame? But, I hope, in fact, that at the upcoming public informational meeting promised in late Feb/early Mar, we will learn there is, indeed, no proposed plan, and that you and city planners will utilize that meeting to listen to our input, involve a few local residents in developing a neighborhood-friendly plan, maybe even consult with some master design professionals, and THEN come back to all of us with a plan that LMD residents can more fully, and literally, buy into.

Please, listen to your constituents. We live here. We know the patterns of use by cyclists, joggers, dog walkers, strollers, school children, and a myriad of others. We see them every day. We greet them. We also can foresee significant challenges many of the anticipated proposed changes would make to the way we use our property. We live here every day. We have a lot to say about how our neighborhood looks, feels, and may be potentially forever changed. We are quite passionate about this and grieves us to imagine what we may lose.

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