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Aidan,

Due to a work conflict I will not be able to attend this evening's meeting. I did want to share these comments with my fellow commission members.

Neighbors along Doncaster, Beverly and Danbury have been waiting for a few years to see this project restarted. As noted in the project materials, the road condition is pretty poor and contains no curb, gutter or sidewalks. As someone who walks the neighborhood daily, the lack of sidewalks is a safety concern for anyone who walks without assistance, and dangerous for anyone outside that situation.

I applaud the creativity of Mario and his team. Seeing his approach with Option A demonstrates that he takes the Complete Green Streets Guide to heart and finds inspiration beyond our borders to some of the most people-centric road designs one would find in Denmark.

In a perfect world, we'd have sidewalks on both sides, but I and many of my neighbors appreciate the traffic calming design of Option A's narrow, curved street. Not only does this provide protected travel for people walking or rolling, with a people-centered 21' wide street, but also does a good job of saving the mature tree canopy that neighbors have come to know and love.

In e-mail comments circulated among neighbors and in the PIM, some have expressed a desire for no sidewalks because they are able to navigate the neighborhood without issue. Up to this point I withheld a response to those types of comments. We are all just one breath away from needing the protection of moving on a sidewalk. Moreover, having sidewalks improves the visitability of our neighborhood. As friends and family visit who may need a mobility device or due to loss of vision walk with the assistance of a cane, they can feel safe moving about our streets. And, above all else, sidewalks are an invitation to future neighbors that they are welcome and in 2024 their safe passage was top of mind.

I look forward to seeing the design progress.

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Darrin Wasniewski