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Hello:

I have been communicating with the project manager of Toepfer Avenue construction, Drew Beck and others regarding the placement of bus pads. I have asked them to use the existing stop at Meyer and Toepfer.

I object to a bus pad in front of 449 Toepfer for various reasons:

1. Absolutely **no reason** not to use the existing stop, which has been in use for years, at Meyer and Toepfer;
2. The reason cited for not using this existing stop is minimum 660 feet for bus stops that Metro uses to "better space bus stops to help maintain schedules more reliably". **This does not apply on Toepfer Avenue and said 660 feet is GUIDELINES, not a requirement;**
3. Toepfer Avenue buses are on time, and there is no proof this street is a problem;
4. Moving one bus stop a bit farther south does not impact the entire route and cause delays;
5. Metro and city randomly seem to have chosen 449 Toepfer when they learned they could not place at 441 Toepfer **without even looking at the space**. A bus will block our driveway at 451 Toepfer when it stops there;
6. Bus stops should not be so close to intersections and driveways such that a stopped bus blocks that space. I am not sure anyone even looked at the stop at 4005 Birch either. If someone is walking on the Birch sidewalk east and a bus stops there they will be blocked;
7. Bus stops on Toepfer have historically NOT been directly in front of Toepfer residences or so close to driveways and intersections;
8. Metro can place the bus stop at Meyer and Toepfer and cites no other reason except the 660 feet minimum they use to maintain reliable service. What about the other requirements for bus stops? Certainly there is something about intersection spacing, driveway spacing and buses blocking pedestrian walkways.

Metro should not be allowed to place a bus stop at 449 without more proof that this one bus stop is necessary to ensure the buses on Toepfer are more reliable. Metro can use the existing, original bus stop at Meyer and Toepfer.

Thank you.

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