

I very much welcome the reconstruction of the street, along with the curbs and gutters.

But putting in SIDEWALKS---would be an **ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER.**

I am very much AGAINST the proposal of sidewalks; and, as I found out; over **90%** of my neighbors are **also adamantly** against sidewalks-----sidewalks are felt by this 90% of residents to be unwanted and unnecessary-----for which I actually have proof--

I have here a Petition, --- a COPY of which I have brought for each of you. I went to every house of the planned 3 blocks of Turner Ave, talked to almost every resident about whether or not they favored the possibility of sidewalks and the answer was overwhelmingly NO.

SOME REASONS are:

1\*\*The workmen will dig up ¼-1/3-of our front lawns which will be a total dirty MESS much of the Summer and Fall. Your OWNletter stated that: QUOTE

\*\* “the entire right of way will likely be disturbed during construction” In my opinion, that is a huge understatement!! (disturbed)

2\*\*The sidewalks in these 3 blocks alone would consist of 20,000 sq feet of concrete- which would replace the dug up lawns. Concrete instead of lawns.....

3\*\*They said about 20 mature trees will be cut down to make room for these sidewalks (about 10 on each side of the street)—and what with the Carbon in the air—and the fumes from at least 2-4 Busses q ½ H—we need every mature tree we have; for their shade and coolness; as well as for soaking up the CO2 . Madison should be proud of trying to curb climate change wherever we can. Our trees here are a big part of that.

4\*\*Many of our seniors—most of whom are on SS-can't afford the House assessment which will go up, taxes which will also go up, or being sued if someone falls on the sidewalk which they can't shovel, and that the city insisted upon. Most of the Seniors I spoke with brought up the fact that they have lived on Turner 40-50 years and have neither wanted nor needed sidewalks—especially now.

5\*\*NO REAL STUDY HAS BEEN DONE TO ANYONES KNOWLEDGE, THAT I KNOW OF, AS TO IF THERE IS A NEED FOR SIDEWALKS.

I am asking you to respect our concerns and our signed statement and reasons to OMIT the addition of the sidewalks.



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