

January 19, 2010

Department of Public Works

City of Engineering Division

To: The Board of Public Works - January 20th Hearing

cc: Alderman Paul Skidmore

FYI, in your letter dated January 4, 2010 you stated that we could go to:
<http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/constructionStreets.cfm>
and get a complete list of the roadways proposed for Street Resurfacing in 2010 and proposed estimated assessments. The 2010 information was not posted as of January 18, 2010 at 1:20 pm. It only shows the schedules for 2008 and 2009

My husband and I received your letter concerning the 2010 Curb and Gutter Assessment and would like to address our concerns about the work to be done on North High Point Road from Tree Lane to Old Sauk Old Road. We purchased our single family home at 205 N. High Point Road in July of 1998.

The stretch of road that contains the blocks of single family homes facing N. High Point Road is approximately five lanes wide (one lane of traffic in each direction, a middle lane for turning, and a lane on each side for street side parking), It is also a city bus route. These two factors present some good features and some which are negative

Since we purchased our home, the development of land on both sides of the beltline in our area has been phenomenal. This has had lead to higher traffic use on our street. This increase has been not only on a daily basis but for extended periods when work is being done on the beltline or there are traffic problems on that stretch of road. We are the first through street that runs parallel to the belt line on the east side. The high volume needless to say has taken quite a toll on the road which the city has just been doing patch work on now for a number of years.

One of our biggest concerns and that has caused the most damage as been the snow plowing. Are we happy that the our street gets plows so much due to being on a city bus route? The answer is Yes and No. The yes needs no explanation but the no does. Since the street is so wide and due to the way the wind normally blows during those storms the plowing causes a massive amount or snow and ice to be pushed into our driveways and against our gutters and curbs. This causes constant trips out to clear our driveways. It also causes interruption in our mail service because the depth and width is so far out the post office has a difficult time delivering just as we have an extremely difficult time trying to dig out a path for their delivery truck. Then there is also the fact we have had to replace our mail box three times, as have many of our neighbors have, because of the beating it takes due to the plowing.

However while the decay of our street, curb, and gutters have been out of our control it has been due largely to city planning and street maintenance.

We would like to request that before you do the standard billing of 50% of the total, that you take all of these circumstances into consideration. In addition, please consider the total number residents of the 36 single family homes on our street that you have singled out for repair. We respectfully submit that you either substantially reduce this percentage or eliminate it in its entirety

Thank you,

Mary K. and Michael R. McGuire