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Hi, Aidan. Looks like this was sent to some but not all TC members. Doesn't look like it made it to you either. Please save in Legistar and distribute so all can see the message.

Thanks,
Ann

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Dear Members of the Transportation Commission,

I have previously sent this email to my alder (Regina Vidaver, District 5) but wanted to send it on to you as I see it has been added as an agenda item (#8) to your meeting tomorrow. I am unable to attend the meeting but I hope you will take the time to consider my comments.

Thank you,

Matthew Walch

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From: **Matthew Walch** <mattwalch@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 9, 2023 at 12:05 PM
Subject: Concerns with changes to Harvey/Schmitt project
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Dear Alder Vidaver,

I saw in your blog last week that there was an update to the Harvey Street project. I wasn't able to attend the meeting but I have looked at the plans and reviewed the powerpoint. I also confirmed from the March 3rd powerpoint that my memory of the previous scope of work was correct.

It seems that major changes have been made to this project, resulting in significantly more tree loss and double the number of properties being affected by their easements being paved. This is a result of including a sidewalk on the south side of Harvey, in addition to the previously approved north side sidewalk. I also believe that previously parking was going to be limited to only the north side of Harvey (slide 21 of the March ppt) but now it seems like parking will be allowed on both sides for the majority of Harvey.

I feel like these changes are not for the good of the neighborhood and also negatively affect more of my neighbors than the previously approved plan. Additionally, as a cyclist, I was excited to only have parking on one side of the street as I frequently have close calls with cars cutting through Harvey, weaving quickly through the narrow travel lane that remains when cars park on both sides of a tight street.

At a minimum, I feel that the project should be returned to what was approved in March, as I acknowledge that the road is crumbling and having some sort of improved pedestrian infrastructure would be appreciated.

However, if we are making changes to the plans why not dream bigger? Talking with my next door neighbors (Kathy and Dan Taylor at 641 N Blackhawk) they mentioned that you had previously brought up the buffered bike lane on Bassett street as an alternative. To me that seems like a fantastic solution! It will allow for the road to be rebuilt, while maintaining the old growth trees and not affect the easements as significantly (if at all). Looking at the drawings in the October 4th presentation it seems there is 28-30 feet of roadway to play with. So you could do two 10 foot travel lanes, a 2 foot buffer and a 6-8 foot shared use path, or eliminate the buffer, drop the lanes to 9 feet and have 6 feet of parking. I think eliminating on street parking would be great but if parking must stay, going down to one side would be a better option. I've attached two drawings from Streetmix showing these options to help visualize what I'm describing.

I really hope you take the time to consider this and ask for the road to be thought through more. It hasn't been bid out yet so it seems like there may still be time.

Thank you!
Matt Walch
637 N Blackhawk Ave

PS. I have included Steve Sonntag on this email as he is the project contact.

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Matthew Walch

Harvey Street with Buffer...



Harvey Street with parking...

