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Hello,

Thank you for offering opportunity to residents of the Pontiac Trail neighborhood to provide input toward the plans for reconstruction of Pontiac Trail. I would like to submit this written comment about Item 8 on the agenda of the Transportation Commission's Oct 22, 2025 meeting - "Pontiac, Boston, Nakomis and Rosewood Reconstruction."

I do not agree with the two options that were developed by the city and presented for comment. Both include having sidewalks on both sides of Pontiac Trail. This is not necessary and is, in fact, detrimental because it increases paved area and forces removal of mature trees. I urge the city to reconsider plans for the project, in response to a number of residents concerns that were expressed at both community input meetings that were held.

I also do not agree with adding access to the bike path through Zook park. The bike trail can be easily accessed currently from either end of Pontiac Trail. Additional access will add more pavement, increase traffic through the neighborhood and potentially increase risk for children playing in Zook Park. It's not necessary.

Thank you for considering residents' input.

Sincerely,

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