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Mr. Phillips,

This is to acknowledge that Kay Drew and myself have received your letter regarding the Monona Drive Reconstruction Proposal (dated and postmarked February 4, 2010) today. We thank you and your staff for keeping us updated on the progress of the project. We hope to have continued advance notice regarding any hearings, committee work, or any related actions. This email is to serve as an initial reaction to your letter of February 4, 2010. We wish to point out that we oppose the widening of the terrace in the 4100 block of Monona Drive from 4 feet to 8 feet. We believe this is not a reasonable solution to address concerns about the trees lining the street.

We wish to also point out (as I have previously to Christy Bachmann) that the plan in its current form is not equitable in terms of land to be condemned. We do not have a say in the Monona decision to make an eight foot sidewalk, yet we are expected to "share the burden". These two areas are of prime concern to us. We certainly recognize the need for the reconstruction of the street and believe the sidewalks and bike lanes are a needed benefit. (Please be aware that we are also responsible for the sidewalk at 4154 Monona Dr.) Despite a significant expenditure we will be assuming, we will not oppose the project on these grounds. We will arrange to meet with Christy Bachmann to further discuss the project. I will attempt to send additional, formal comments before your requested date of Wednesday, February 17, 2010.  
Thank you for your time.

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