

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

Fahrney, John

From: Jim Sendecke [jsendecke@rsandk.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2010 10:06 AM

To: Fahrney, John

Subject: Curb assessment objection / 8502 Excelsior Dr.

Mr Fahrney, Thank you for speaking with me last night regarding our concerns regarding curb assessments on our property at 8502 Excelsior Dr..

We received notice of this program on January 11, 2010 and were informed that a public hearing was to take place on January 20th. We are unable to attend that meeting due to the short time frame of the notice and previously committed plans, however, we want our objections noted and voiced.

Our objections are based on several areas.

1. As our curbs are now covered by 2 feet of ice and snow we have no idea as to what the problem is and no chance to survey or comment on the areas you've placed into this program.
2. While we certainly want our streets to be placed in top quality condition, we do not see the necessity to replace curb and gutters to do so.
3. During times of economic uncertainty adding to the cost of operating a business in Madison, after just paying for a substantial tax increase, only continues to foster the impression that the City of Madison is out of touch with the dynamics of it's business community.
4. If indeed there is damage to curbs and gutters, which again, we are unable to verify because of the piled snow, it is most likely caused by the City and their snow removal operations. There is nothing that the property owners do to cause wear and tear on these items that are part of the public transportation system.

We would appreciate your sharing of our deep concerns on this matter before the Public Works body and the Madison Common Council.

Sincerely,

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Fahrney, John

From: Donald & Barbara Goldsworthy [golds2@tds.net]

Sent: Monday, January 18, 2010 8:13 PM

To: Fahrney, John

Cc: Pien, Janet

Subject: Objection: January 20, 2010, Board of Public Works Public Hearing: PROJECT LOCATION: 941 Pebble Beach Dr.; PARCEL: 0708-133-2301-4; Owners: Donald J. & Barbara A. Goldsworthy

Dear Board of Public Works:

We write to object to the above-entitled proposed Curb and Gutter Special Assessment in conjunction with street resurfacing-2010 Assessment District, total estimated assessment in the sum of \$737.50, as set forth in Mr. Phillip's letter dated Jan. 4, 2010, to property owners. The removal and replacement of the curb and gutter in question is at the end of the driveway of our home where we have lived for more than seventeen years. Not that I am an expert, but my father and grandfather were in the masonry business for more than fifty years, and I poured curbs and gutters myself when I was a young person. I was aware of the three cracks in question seventeen years ago and have monitored them over the years. I have had the ice and snow removed to the extent possible in connection with the preparation of this objection. This proposed curb and gutter special assessment involves three cracks which are merely cosmetic. Only one of the cracks involves vertical or horizontal offset, which is less than 3/8 inch. I have monitored the concrete in question for more than seventeen years since we purchased our property. The concrete has remained structurally sound and the three minor cracks have not opened or increased in length.

This is an era of unprecedented fiscal hardship for municipal governments, as well as individual property owners. As retirees on a fixed income, this \$737.50 proposed special assessment is a significant financial burden. Property owners who must use the eight year special assessment payment period pay much more interest to the City than they could currently earn on a certificate of deposit. Moreover, in the current financial situation of the City of Madison, we would respectfully request that you consider abating this expenditure of \$737.50 of the taxpayers' funds for cosmetic purposes. Since the concrete in question has not shifted or changed in more than seventeen years, the concrete in

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place is arguably more structurally sound than the material with which it would be replaced. Replacement of the roadway surface is not dependent on the concrete in question for structural integrity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Donald J. and Barbara A. Goldsworthy

2009 RESURFACING COMPLAINTS

										ATTENDED	
										PUBLIC	Resolved
NAME	STREET	DATE OF COMPLAINT	PHONE NO	left message to meet	COMPLAINT	ACTION			HEARING		
FIRST	LAST	STREET NO.	STREET	COMPLAINT	PHONE NO	left message to meet	COMPLAINT	ACTION	PUBLIC	Resolved	
1	Stacy	Levin	201	Dempsey	01/11/10	221-8505	curb is not in need of repair, she is planning to talk with neighbors	none			
2	Eugene	Thompson	1013	Acewood Blvd	01/11/10	221-0196	curb is not in need of repair				
3	Bob	Ruble	118	N. High Point	01/11/10	833-1621	he installed new dwy apron	curb only		X	
4	Alice	Pulvermacher	4710	Academy	01/11/10	513-4792	unit price is high, 40' is not needed	they will call in spring if needed		X	
6	Helene	McDowell	5206	Manitowac Pkwy	01/12/10	233-9098/262-1753	objects to assessment policy			X	
7	Bob	Holt	5334	Greenbriar	01/12/10	206-1826	wanted to know location of curb			X	
8			102	Schiloh	01/12/10		complaint about ponding at corner w/ Yellowstone			X	
10	Zeta	Crowder	2309	Crestline	1/12/2010	241-4463	questions on assessment policy			X	
	Josh	Larson	4705	Academy	1/12/2010	email	wants assessment deferred until snow melts	gave him option to meet in spring			
11	Carrie	Fuss	730	Sauk Ridge Trl	01/13/10	274-3100	two owners: Sean Sabot & Settlers Woods...				
12		Starr	6625	Odana	01/13/10		wanted to make sure assessment was not for hotel next door.			X	
13	Jim	Delaney	449	Grand Canyon	01/13/10	575-7358	wanted to know dates			X	
14	John	Gerald	214	Saratoga	1/14/2010	800-847-9463	don't do in hard economic times			X	
15	Kim	Jones			01/14/10	246-3391	questions on limits and city vs. airport responsibility	answered questions		X	
16	Pat	Feltskog	5305	Shawano	01/15/10	238-9836	wants review in spring				
17	Tom	Wheaton	615	Forward Dr	01/15/10	443-0207	wanted information on project	none		X	
18	Sandra	Porter	6	Segoe	01/15/10	238-5725	requested review of curb & dwy	review in spring			
19	Donald	Goldsworthy	941	Pebble Beach	01/19/10	email	requests work not be done. C&g is not in need of repair	represent letter to BPW		X	
20	Diane	Josen	4721	Starker	01/19/10	235-3660	wants to see what needs replacement	review in spring			
21	Allisha		2801	Dryden	01/19/10	333-7979	why resurface	explained pvrnt mnngt program		X	
22	Trevor	Murray	1929	Sachtjen	01/19/10	217-3848	water main break settled c&g & apron	review in spring			

