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Hello,

My family lives in the Atwood neighborhood. We are likely unable to attend the virtual Transportation Commission meeting on August 25th regarding the multi-use path re-route through Olbrich Park. We would like to register our support for the proposed Option 3, which routes the path away from the base of the sledding hill but also provides fairly direct access to the new path along Atwood Ave. We are very excited about the overall Atwood Ave redesign project and the cycling/pedestrian infrastructure improvements.

The Olbrich sledding hill is an important feature of the park. My husband sledded there as a kid, and our children are now old enough to enjoy it. We believe that having an unpaved "run-out" area at the base of the hill will provide a safer experience for families using the hill (vs. the current layout with pavement at the base), and re-routing the path around the run-out area will also be safer for both sledders and path users.

Thank you,

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