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Owner of property at 1101 Troy Dr. Madison, Wisconsin 53704

I object to the new sidewalks on the south side of Troy Dr. Due too.

1. The railroad tunnel is not going to have a side walk but through the south side of the street. So who ever goes up to either side of the tunnel on the south side, has to cross over to the west side of the street to get through. This creates a blind spot for the people crossing the street and automobiles. This is an "accident that most likely will happen". Which the percentage of the liability of the accident may not bare just on the automobile.

2. I believe it should be the "moral and civil duly of the common council to not let a terrifying accident like this to happen". And at less to put in written notice to the city's liability insurance that there is some sort of liability here. Which could be more of a cost to the tax payer?

3. The Metro bus system goes just one way on Troy Dr. East to West. They pickup their passengers on the north side of Troy Dr. If they would go both ways on Troy Dr. Yes a sidewalk could be used on the south side of Troy Dr. But they do not.

4. Now understanding the City of Madison has a AAA municipal bond rating at 2 1/2 percent. But yet the city is charging a 5 percent per annum to the property owners of the sidewalks in question. That is a 100% percent markup. That there is wrong," you're here to work for the public, not to use the public for gain".

5. Now talking to the city, you could have hired a private cement contractor to put in your own sidewalks. In theory the city is charging \$36.30 per foot frontage, some people say that is a 20 percent markup. Why did the city not explain to each of the property owners that they had another alternative? That way the property owners could have got together and possibly haired a private contractor, and possibly saved some money.

So with the danger of accidents, cost of life and liability, the railroad and bus system not doing their part for the south side of the street, and the extra cost for property owners and tax payers. The whole sidewalk project should be scraped and "fairly revaluated to make it save and fair for the people of Madison and Wisconsin".

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