

March 25, 2009

TO: Alderperson Judy Compton

FROM: Jim Werlein & Jody Pringle
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RE: Camden Road Street and Sidewalk Project (53W0766)

We are absolutely in support of our neighbors in opposition to the so-called "improvements" to Camden Road from Pflaum to Tompkins. Especially during these difficult economic times, the city should not be demanding residents shell out \$6,000+ for a project they don't want nor feel is necessary in terms of any perceived safety issues (and 5% interest if they can't pay within 30 days?! That's highway robbery given it's our city charging that; the city shouldn't be in the business of making money off its taxpaying citizens!).

I walked to all three Glendale area schools in the 1970's, there were more kids then, and we never had a problem with pedestrian/bicycle/car interactions. We continue to walk and bicycle these streets and have never felt unsafe; in fact we've noticed that our presence actually causes traffic to slow down. Keeping the area roads as is acts as an already existing traffic speed bump, so why pay more for a smooth street that will encourage speeding, then add costly speed bumps to slow traffic, when what we have now (and have had for 55+ years) works just fine?

We do not live on Camden, but see the writing on the wall for all neighborhoods with unimproved streets – sidewalk, curb, and gutter will be forced on us by city mandates despite our majority opposition. We moved back to this area partly because we like how the lack of sidewalks adds to a much more open, large lot feel.

As our representative, we urge you to oppose this and any future city-imposed street improvement projects in our district.

Sincerely,

Jim Werlein + Jody Pringle