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All,

I have some concerns over the Option #1 road design for the Dean Avenue project starting in June and mainly it has to do with the overall elimination of parking. I will be paying \$10,000 or more for this road project to:

- #1) Gain a sidewalk that I have to maintain in the winter.**
- #2) Losing my own driveway space and having less parking room in my driveway.**
- #3) Losing many of the street parking spaces.**

Overall it doesn't really feel like a good investment and it feels like the design of this project was rushed. And a short survey was really all that was taken into account for the neighborhood's voice/opinion on it. And it feels like a complete lose-lose situation for the homeowners on this street. I also don't think many people who filled out the survey knew they were voting on the final design and thought it was more of a questionnaire and don't realize the impact you are making for parking on our own property and the street.

I propose an addendum on the drawings prior to sending out to bid or after for:

#1) Keep the street parking as is.

-There are some huge medians that are being added between the curb and the sidewalk that feel like wasted grass space that could be left for road parking.

-Also with these large medians this is going to noticeably make the road seem narrower which I disagree won't make the traffic slower. It will just make the surface space for all the cars that speed down our street have a smaller space for a higher potential for collision.

#2) Redesign the road to have a sidewalk on one side of the road and the bike path on the other side of the road. That way the road still maintains the function/safety aspect for pedestrians and bikers but keeps some driveway space and road parking space for the houses on the street.

-This would be a meet in the middle type of compromise that saves some funds by eliminating a sidewalk on one side of the road and just keeping the street parking on one side of the road.

Overall, I think that the design is somewhat overkill and the city and taxpayers can save more money by using less material and labor by reducing a sidewalk on one side of the road. **Our street is also notorious for unmarked cars speeding through and people walking around the street at night peeking in cars to see if any are unlocked. Maybe we should allocate some of these funds towards more policing in our neighborhood than more concrete/landscaping just a thought.**

Thanks,

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