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Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns. We own Knoche's Food Center/Butcher Shop and have no qualms about paying our fair share for new curb/gutter and driveway aprons, but they would also like to add sidewalk in front of the **entire** stretch of our property and a small stretch that will cross the Highlands Abbey Condominium's driveway. This is the **ONLY** stretch of sidewalk to be added on our side of the road. The purpose for the sidewalk is to join a new underpass from Craig Avenue which will be constructed at the East end of our back parking lot. The sidewalk will run from the new underpass to the bus stop at the West end of our parking lot. At first it was thought that there would be a Safe Routes Grant for 50% of the sidewalk but we just learned that the sidewalk in front of our property does NOT qualify for the grant, and we will be liable for 100% of the cost. Common sense would dictate that if a Safe Routes Grant is not applicable for the proposed stretch of sidewalk, it is not deemed necessary for safety reasons.

The project for this new underpass has not yet started. We oppose the sidewalk as there is an existing sidewalk on the opposite/South side of the street. However, we have contacted our Alder to inquire about possibly waiting to install this sidewalk (if it is absolutely deemed necessary) until after the said underpass is completed. Our reasoning behind this is that if for some reason the new underpass doesn't come to fruition, we don't end up with a substantial and unnecessary financial burden. We have also asked if the sidewalk does pass, if consideration could be given to adding a sidewalk from the new underpass in the opposite direction to N Whitney Way? Seems like if we are constructing a sidewalk for people who walk to the bus stop, we should also be considering safety of pedestrians who are traveling to other locations and not just to the bus stop, possibly walking to our store from N. Whitney.

In addition, there is a proposal to eliminate all on street parking. This will greatly impact our small business friends down the road as they rely sometimes solely on street parking for their customers/clients. This will not only affect them but will most likely force people to start parking on the residential streets in the Crestwood neighborhood. Those neighborhood streets are quite narrow and some only allow one side parking. Some of these businesses have clients and residents who are disabled and rely on close by street parking. We have not yet heard of any accommodations considered for these people and their parking needs.

The cost of the sidewalk is not a small amount of money to us as a small business always struggling to compete against big box stores. That along with possible loss of revenue for us and other businesses on our road while the street is being repaired, will increase our financial burden and possibly even effect our livelihoods. We would like to continue to serve the community for years to come, 2023 will mark our 85<sup>th</sup> year.

Thank you again for your time and consideration

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