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Hello- My name is Matthew Mendonsa. My wife Shelley and I recently purchased a home on the north side of Hammerlsey Road- west of Whitney Way. As retirees, we viewed this neighborhood as the culmination of our housing aspirations: modest homes, established lots, and importantly no sidewalks to maintain. Now the City, without consultation of the residents and with public bids looming on the horizon, wishes to impose dramatic changes to the character of the neighborhood in the form of reduced parking, bike lanes, and sidewalks. This is proposed as the "Hammerlsey Road Resurfacing project", a name which belies its true intention, which is to alter the character of a long established neighborhood by mandating sidewalks and bike lanes.

The City's proposal subjects homeowners to probable tax increases yet exposes them to potential reduction in property values as properties are encroached upon and the neighborhood's charm is eroded. Additionally, the proposal suggests that those residents on the north side of the road may bear a disproportionate amount of this burden. Furthermore, this proposal amounts to an unfunded mandate-imposed by the City on those homeowners who have to maintain the sidewalks at their expense in perpetuity.

To date there has been no discussion of issues, no dialog with residents, nothing from the City which even defines a problem needing to be solved. And yet we're told that public contracting bids are scheduled for March with construction scheduled for summer 2022. I strongly condemn the lack of public outreach and community involvement for this project. I and others are livid at this proposal, and I speak in opposition to the Hammerlsey Road Resurfacing project. I appeal to you to maintain the character of these established neighborhoods.

Thank you for your time.

Cordially,  
Matthew Mendonsa

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