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Subject: Comment for Transportation Commission meeting on 10/11/23 (#8: 80277) - GLASSEL

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## Hello,

I would like to share some comments on an agenda item that is included in the Transportation Commission meeting on 10/11/2023. Specifically for item 8: 80277 Public Works Transportation Projects Review and Feedback - Harvey Street Sidewalk Extension (Hill St. to Blackhawk Ave.).

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I am a resident of the neighborhood in which the proposal 80277 will take place, and I own one of the homes that is directly affected by the proposed changes in this plan.

I think it would be desirable to have a sidewalk on the north side of Harvey Street, however I do not agree that it is necessary or desirable to have a sidewalk on the south side of Harvey street as well, particularly since the proposal is only for a portion of the south side of the street, resulting in only a partial sidewalk on the south side anyway.

Sidewalks on only one side of the street are common in Sunset Village / Quarry Park / Hoyt Park neighborhoods, and many more streets in the area have no sidewalks at all. Nearby streets with a sidewalk on only one side of the street include N. Blackhawk Ave, a section of Stevens Street, Bluff Street, part of Eugenia, N. Meadow Lane, and part of Bagley Parkway. I also noted that of the 30 single family homes with frontage on Harvey Street, only one single family home has a sidewalk, otherwise sidewalks currently only exist in front of commercial or multi-unit dwellings.

Based on the street plan provided with this agenda item, it appears that nine single family homes have driveways that would be bisected by sidewalk additions, and looking at each of those in person, it seems that the owners of eight of those homes will no longer be able to park in their own driveways because the houses and garages are so close to the street that any car parked in their driveway would traverse the path of the new sidewalk. I have to ask if there is a reasonalbe expectation that the city will reach out to each homeowner to make them aware that they will lose the use of their driveways? On a related note, I did not receive the mailed postcard for last week's Public Information Meeting until the day after the meeting took place.

Finally I would ask the Commission to consider the details in slides 6, 7 and 8 of the slide presentation for this proposal ("80277 - Harvey Schmitt PIM -SW Presentation for TC.pdf") which suggest that the city previously approved the sidewalk plan for Harvey from Ridge to Hill Streets (slides 6-7) with a sidewalk only on the north side of the street - no indication

that there was a need for a sidewalk on both sides of Harvey street. If that was a reasonable solution for the east end of the project, to have pedestrians on one side of the street, is it not reasonable to continue with the same plan for the west end of the street?

Thank you for your consideration.

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