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Dear Transportation Commission members,

Thanks for the great responsiveness in the Darbo-Worthington neighborhood since you developed the neighborhood plan. We love our pedestrian crossing at Starkweather Creek, and the Creek improvements, including native plantings, the stone hardscaping, and the bridge by Marquette.

We hear you're thinking about adding another bridge near Hermina Street. We've long wished for a small pedestrian bridge and a few kayak drop-in spots along that creek. But the proposed bridge and ramp are way too big. We already have a giant bridge not far away.

If we could have a pedestrian bridge like the one in the Dixon Greenway, that would be great. But if that's not possible, we think this plan is overkill and will be detrimental to the watershed, native plantings, and wildlife.

While we're sharing input, we'd also love to have our terrace widened a bit on the other side of Hermina, between Rosemary and Rethke. Our beautiful ash tree was removed a few years ago due to ash borer disease, and we were told it would not be replaced because the terrace is too narrow. That really affects the character of the street. We also have a crazy curb bumping out in front of our house that makes it hard for residents and visitors to park. Is a street/sewer redo of our block of Hermina Street in the plan for the future?

And I'm sure you are aware that Rethke Ave desperately needs repaving.

Thanks for considering our input; we appreciate your service to the city and our communities!

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