



December 12, 2012

Board of Public Works  
City of Madison

RE: Proposed Assessments – University Relief Storm Phase 4

Dear Board Members,

We are the owners of the Best Western Inn Towner hotel at 2424 University Avenue. I am in receipt of the proposed schedule of assessments related to this project, and I have one area of concern. Our parcel is slated to receive pedestrian lighting and a correlating assessment of \$12,500. This issue came up in 2010, as an even greater pedestrian lighting assessment was proposed for our property at that time. We appealed this proposed assessment to the Board of Public Works, who agreed to remove the pedestrian lighting from the street construction project that was completed in 2011.

In speaking with Dan Dettman, I understand that our property is the only one in the area slated to receive new pedestrian lighting. I understand that the Mullins project installed new lighting as part of their redevelopment and the City would now like to implement similar lighting on our property.

We strongly object to being assessed \$12,500 for lighting that is not being completed broadly across the neighborhood. If there was a program in place to improve the pedestrian lighting in the entire district, we would have no objection. But, we do object to this targeted assessment. I understand that there is a belief that our side of Highland Avenue should mirror the improvements on the new Mullins project. If that is the case, then shouldn't the Lombardino parcel, and University Avenue, opposite the Mullins project, also receive the same lighting?

I hope that you can see our point and agree to remove the proposed assessment. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy M. Nemeth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stacy M. Nemeth  
Chief Operating Officer