Information provided by the City Engineering Department Robert Phillips, City Engineer

- 1. Turner Ave is located in a neighborhood where most of the streets were initially constructed without sidewalk.
- 2. Streets in the City of Madison do get reconstructed without sidewalk.
- 3. Sidewalk has not been installed on street reconstruction projects for the following reasons:
 - a. Steep topography and driveways make the installation of sidewalk unpractical.
 - b. Excessive tree removal required.
 - c. Minimal use expected.

Turner Ave does not meet any of the above criteria, Sidewalk should be installed.

- 4. Projects that meet <u>one</u> of the following criteria would be considered a priority route for sidewalk and therefore a higher priority for the installation of sidewalk.
 - a. Streets that are classified as an Arterial / Collector Street
 - b. Streets that are a bus route (Turner Ave is a bus route)
 - c. Streets that provide access to a School (Turner Ave provides access to schools)
 - d. Streets that provide access to a Park (Turner Ave feeds into roads leading to a park)
 - e. Streets that have commercial uses or provide access to commercial uses.

Turner Ave meets three of the five criteria above.

- 5. The City has a plan for which streets in the neighborhood are priority routes. Please see the Map provided.
 - a. The blue is the project location.
 - b. Green streets already have sidewalk.
 - c. Yellow streets are identified priority sidewalk routes in the neighborhood.
- 6. The following items should be considered in regards to sidewalk on Turner Ave.
 - a. Most of the streets in the neighborhood that have not yet been reconstructed will need to be reconstructed in the next few years.
 - b. The City has been successful in adding sidewalks to the priority routes in this neighborhood up until now.
 - c. Tompkins Dr, a very similar street in Alder District 16, but with a significant amount of additional right of way needed, was just approved with the installation of sidewalk this year and will be under construction shortly.
 - d. A second phase of Turner Dr is scheduled for next year and other neighborhood streets are scheduled in the coming years.
 - e. <u>Installation of sidewalks on the streets needed to complete the priority network in the neighborhood is unlikely if sidewalk is not installed on Turner Ave.</u>
 - f. If residents on Turner Ave decide to pay for the sidewalk over time through the City, the sidewalk component of the project will cost the typical home owner approximately \$110 per year for 15 years.
- 7. Sidewalk on Turner Ave is supported by the Engineering Division, the Traffic Engineering Division, Planning and Development, and Metro Transit.







