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I live at 112 E Dean, directly behind Stop-n-Go (Kwik Trip) and directly across from the golf course. I bring to this a perspective of a bicyclist. I returned my leased car at the end of April, so I have driven this street as well. I understand this project's primary goals are to slow traffic, provide equal access and mitigate water/drainage issues.

Concerns:

1. Sidewalks on two sides of the street have a lot of concrete. **More concrete = more water issues and more heat retention = bad long term outcomes.** Goals, unmet.
2. Sidewalks on the east end, north side at 410 W Lakeview, 328 & 324 E Dean are particularly counterproductive to the primary goal(red on .pdf). ALL that should happen there is to mitigate water/drainage issues. I see little to no benefit for a sidewalk in front of those properties. Mitigation plus sidewalks just looks **EXPENSIVE & UNNECESSARILY SO.** Problems exacerbated & goals, unmet.
3. I no longer own a car by choice, but; If the sidewalk goes in front of the property here at 112 E Dean, four private, off-street parking places will be lost, **forcing the residents onto the street**(red on .pdf). Bad outcome.

Recommendations:

1. Lakeview to Coldspring Ave. to Lance Ln. onto Dean and continuing to Monona Dr. are established bike routes and should be kept as such. There should be **NOTHING to encourage bicycles on E Dean from Lance Ln to Allis Ave.** In particular, bikes going east on this stretch need to be diverted to the potential 8 ft. sidewalk, because that presents the biggest hazard due to the grade/slope. From there, bikes travelling up the slope on Dean should have an easy-off to Allis Ave. and the 8 ft sidewalk would be the best practice for the safety of ALL (green on .pdf). Best outcome.
2. Once rebranded, the Kwik Trip at Dean/Monona will likely create more traffic in and out of the lot. Moving pedestrians and bikes to the opposite side should be a goal. **THUS, I propose, ONE 8ft. sidewalk on the south side of E Dean only.** This takes advantage of the existing path as it comes from Monona Dr along the golf course. I believe that as the city continues to debate the future of the golf course, they could take advantage and build a bike friendly route through the parking lot adjacent to the Nathaniel Dean house (may be a great place to allow a food cart in the summer for bicyclists, pedestrians and even golfers! The city should look for these opportunities throughout the entire bike route system). Additionally, at the corner of Dean & Monona, a bike signal w diagonal lane (green on .pdf), like the one at Dempsey & Cottage Grove, would be useful to **maintain safer vehicle access to Kwik Trip.** A crossing to the path/golf course could go in at the end of the existing sidewalk adjacent to KT away from vehicles (see yellow on attached .pdf) **BEST** outcome.

3. Even with the 8 ft. sidewalk on the south side, there should **ALSO be a parking pull-out at the golf course like the one in option 3** (see purple on.pdf). This would be the **ONLY** parking area on the south side. Good outcome.

4. I think the 8 ft sidewalk with the option 2, 26' street would be ideal. There could even be stop signs with crosswalks at Lance Ln. & Dean to **slow traffic more** and make for safe pedestrian/bike crossings to the existing routes. I can even envision the advisory bike lanes from Monona Dr. to Lance Ln.(not continuing to Allis). The north side of Dean should be left for **water mitigation and parking only, no sidewalks**. As it is, this side would seem to lend itself to more rain gardens and other mitigation/drainage needs.

I know, this is more forward thinking than the 3 options presented. I prefer long-term solutions over the aesthetic whims of the city. I believe this solution could **reduce the overall cost of the project and result in better/safer outcomes**. If this results in an imbalance of cost to residents on the opposite sides, maybe the city could try spreading the cost out to all instead of jacking only those on the south side, because everyone would be happier that less money is being spent overall on an overall smaller, less intrusive project.

I hope I haven't been too sensible / logical. I know the city prefers to dictate and not listen, but in a post-covid environment with ever-more stretched budgets, maybe, **JUST MAYBE**, some new thinking could be entertained!

Thanks for your attention,

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