

May 29, 2024

Re: Common Council File # 240144, N Lake Dr (STH 32)

Dear Mayor and Members of the Common Council,

We are writing in opposition to the design the City of Milwaukee has selected for the reconstruction of Lake Drive in front of our property at 3319 N Lake Dr. No opportunity for public comment or public involvement was afforded to us regarding this design and it is a major change from the existing design and what was presented to us as the preferred design in April of 2022. We object to the project moving forward as designed.

This project substantially changes the layout and functions of Lake Drive (State Highway 32) and has a substantial adverse impact on our abutting property. We are directly negatively impacted by the proposed changes along the North Segment of the project.

To date, the property owners along the project limits have not had an opportunity to see and comment on the revised design. We believe that property owners deserve the right to see and understand the design before the city takes further action to approve the project. We also believe the project team has conducted insufficient communication and public involvement under WisDOT and FHWA guidelines.

In providing us notice about the project and about this hearing, insufficient and confusing information was provided, including:

- A Letter of notice in Nov 2022 that suggested the design was still "proposed" but did not share a diagram or enough information to understand what it would look like for us to provide comment (Note: we did not receive this letter at the time),
- Lack of sufficient explanatory information about the change in the project and the new design alternative being considered,
- Outdated information on the city's project website that still shows the previous preferred design under design plans,
- No visual diagrams of the final design that an average resident would be able to comprehend,
- No opportunity to provide comment on the proposed design, which was significantly altered from what was presented in April of 2022 public involvement meetings,
- Lack of communication about estimated social, economic, and environmental impacts,
- Over-indexing one type of highway use (bicycling) vs the others (pedestrians, resident property access, vehicular access),
- No request specifically for public comments on historic or archaeological resources that may be located in the project area, and
- No procedures for how to submit written testimony about the project for this hearing.

We have multiple concerns about the project design including that we believe it:

- Decreases safety for bicyclists like us and our children,
- Obstructs access our property and those of our neighbors,
- Adopted a timeline that fails to consider construction underway on the main alternative route – Downer Ave,
- Creates unsafe conditions for emergency vehicles,
- Increases unsafe pedestrian crossings across a highway,
- Creates ADA hazards,
- Creates unsafe parking conditions,
- Increases traffic hazards,
- Reduces the ability to remove snow or conduct street sweeping, and
- Lacks consideration for the historic character of our highway, which lies within a National Historic District.

Further information regarding some of these points is as follows:

Kenwood Park - Prospect Hill National Historic District

The proposed design spoils the historic charm and character of Lake Drive, by including elements of design that would not have been available or used in the early 20th century, nor are they compatible with the historic aesthetic of the district. The plastic bollards, concrete curb bike lane barrier, and curb ramp details at the intersection of Hartford Avenue are of particular concern. These features significantly diminish the value of our historic property and substantially change the overall historic character of the setting surrounding the property. We feel their installation would be in violation of the Secretary of Interior protections provided by our neighborhood's historic designation.

Property Access and Pedestrian Safety

Contrary to what is presumed in the parking study commissioned by the department, most of the use of the parking lane along Lake Drive is for deliveries, landscaping and snow removal companies, cleaning services, drop offs, moving companies, etc... Access to the front of our properties on the west side of Lake Drive will be obstructed by the bike lane, thereby more than doubling pedestrian crossings across a busy highway. This will include, for example, Amazon drivers carrying boxes across the roadway, cleaning services carrying their vacuums across the roadway, and landscapers bringing riding lawn mowers across the highway. The parking study fails to account for this type of traffic, which is commonplace in our neighborhood. The design shows a clear lack of understanding of how the parking lanes along this highway are utilized.

Bicycle Safety

We strongly disagree that the proposed bicycle improvements increase safety. We are avid cyclists and often cycle both south and north on Lake Drive from our property. We are concerned that the raised barriers:

- Restrict the movement of bicyclists needing to enter or leave bike lanes (e.g., to make turns into driveways);

- Create a situation where a motorist entering Lake Dr from a side street can effectively block the lane;
- Create a situation where emergency vehicles and sanitation trucks would block the bicycle lanes (on the west side), thereby pushing the cyclists into the traffic lane;
- Make it nearly impossible to make a left turn from the bicycle lane;
- May be used incorrectly by wrong-way bicyclists;
- Would be a hazard that can catch a bicyclist's pedal or front wheel, causing damage or accidents;
- Inhibit visibility by placing the bicycle lane behind the parking lane (on the east side of Lake Dr);
- Can trap us between two curbs in a bicycle lane that is more narrow and where the curb uses space that could be included in the bicycle lane itself;
- Greatly reduce the area on which can be cycled because the parking lane is currently used by many cyclists as a safe space;
- Will collect debris and increase maintenance needs, as well as impede standard street maintenance procedures, including leaf, brush, and snow removal.

In conclusion, we urge you to reconsider this design. It is clear to us after many discussions with neighbors within and along the construction zone that there is not support for this design from the property owners. Clear information and opportunity for comment should be provided to the affected residents before you proceed with the project. The methodology for reviewing the impacts on our historic district should be revisited. And, a survey of residents should be conducted to better understand and accommodate our concerns.

Sincerely,
Jennifer and Chris Abele
3319 N Lake Dr (Corner of Lake Dr and Hartford Ave)

CC City of Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission
City Engineer Kevin Muhs
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
County Supervisor Sheldon Wasserman

Melendez, Yadira

From: Brostoff, Jonathan
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 10:21 PM
To: Jaclyn Ness
Cc: mkeprojects@devorpr.com; Medhin, Samuel; dcness2000@gmail.com; Melendez, Yadira
Subject: Re: Objection to Lake Drive Reconstruction - File #240144

Thanks! Given that you wrote this at 9pm I don't want to call this late but will be happy to chat over the phone at a more appropriate time. Your feedback has been received

In service,

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On May 29, 2024, at 21:01, Jaclyn Ness <jaclyndness@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Alderman Brostoff,

My name is Jaclyn Ness, and my husband David and I reside at 3170 E. Hampshire Avenue. We are writing to express our sincere disappointment with, and objection to, the Lake Drive renovation plans. Put very plainly – we object to this proposed plan.

As long-term residents on the east side of Lake Drive, we have significant concerns about the plans to narrow the road by adding concrete barriers and bollards to separate the bike lanes, especially considering the relatively low number of bikers compared to automobiles. This plan appears to cater to a small population that doesn't live on the street and likely doesn't reside in the City of Milwaukee. Please consider simply resurfacing the road with the current painted bike lanes.

We use Lake Drive daily for our commutes to school, work, kids' sporting events, and home, often making 4-6 trips per day from Hampshire, driving up and down Lake Drive and back. Pulling out of Hampshire is already extremely difficult; it will be even more so if motorists don't have the ability to navigate around a car turning across oncoming traffic. We frequently experience near-collisions when driving south on Lake Drive and attempting to turn east onto Hampshire Street. Turning left from Hampshire to Lake is nearly impossible on a normal day, and the proposed changes will only exacerbate this issue. When the bollards were added at the corner of Lake and Hartford, traffic was backed up for miles down Lake Drive and Lincoln Memorial. Quite frankly, the green and white bollards look terrible and do not fit the historical nature of our street. People drive down Lake Drive on a spring or summer day because its picturesque. I encourage you and other members of the committee to attempt turning

from Hampshire onto Lake Drive at peak times to see first-hand the congestion that already exists. It will only be exacerbated with these changes.

Additionally, we have other concerns:

- The destruction of the historical nature of the street.
- The potential difficulties emergency vehicles, fire, and police will face traversing a narrowed street.
- The impact on travel with garbage and recycling pick-up services and seasonal lawn care.
- We urge you to reconsider these plans and take into account the daily realities and needs of the residents who actually live here.

Please contact David at 414-899-1128 or me at 414-745-6212 to discuss this matter in more detail.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for registering our objection to the current design of this plan.

Sincerely,
Jaclyn

Jaclyn and Dave Ness
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Milwaukee, WI 53211

Melendez, Yadira

From: Brostoff, Jonathan
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 10:33 PM
To: Weske
Cc: Jackson, Benjamin (CC); Melendez, Yadira
Subject: Re: Public Works Meeting Item 240144: Lake Drive Reconstruction

Thanks, my memory is many of these concerns were addressed in great detail a while ago by subject matter experts after we discussed it at your house.

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On May 29, 2024, at 22:03, Weske <prweske@yahoo.com> wrote:

Jonathan,

The "danger to the public" references multiple problems with the curbed bike lane design.

1. Emergency vehicles: Motorists will not be able to pull over to allow for emergency vehicles to pass as this is a main thoroughfare for both ambulances to the tertiary care hospital located within 10 blocks as well as Milwaukee County Police and Sheriff traveling with sirens blaring to and from the lakefront. I doubt that the emergency vehicles will try to hop the curb to try and pass motorists with nowhere to go as this would likely result in damage to those vehicles and increased costs to the city,

2. City/County employees: It poses a danger to the city and county employees whose job it is to collect trash and recycling as they will not be able to stop the only southbound lane of traffic on Highway 32 to collect the bins. I assume that they will have to park on the east side and cross Lake Drive each time to collect the bins as this would be the only way to allow traffic to continue to flow during collection periods. If this is not the case and the recycling and garbage crews are planning on blocking the southbound lane of traffic, then the curbed pick lane will be full of trash and recycling bins as the recycling bins are required to be within six feet due to the automated collection system.

3. Bicyclists: I believe that bicyclists will be less safe with a curbed bike lane as they will be forced to bike in the main traffic lane more often than if the curbed bike lane did not exist. Any obstacle that will be in the bike lane will force bikes to travel in the main traffic lane southbound. Recycling and garbage cans will block the curbed lane. Spring and fall leaf/debris collection periods will block the curbed lane. If snow is not removed promptly, that will also block the curbed lane. As an aside, it took over three weeks for my fall leaf pile measuring 50 feet long by 6 feet wide by 4 feet high to be picked up. Inattentive bicyclists will be more prone to hit a physical barrier such as a curb and fall than simply veer onto a painted line. Additionally, bike lanes are often used incorrectly by wrong way bicyclists.

4. Motorists: The curbed bike lane will be obscured during periods of heavy rain and snow, spring/fall debris and leaf collections. As evidenced by the previous barriers on Lake Dr. and Hartford Ave., these curbs and whatever barriers are placed will be repeatedly struck by motorists.

As we have spoken about it the past, a curbed bike lane with all the accompanying barriers is not appropriate for a federal historic district as it greatly detracts from the historic character of the neighborhood.

In terms of the additional maintenance costs born by the taxpayers of the City of Milwaukee, I still have not received any details regarding the cost of the "special equipment" for snow removal that was being purchased by the Department of Public Works to clear the 0.8 mile according to the project managers. This "special equipment" was to be deployed at the same time as the plows on the road, though details of this basic service are lacking.

I cannot find any reason to support the "Curbed Bike Lane to Nowhere" plan. I feel that this design will unnecessarily increase the danger to the public, restrict and increase the cost of basic city services, and does not reflect the character of our National Historic District.

Thank you for your consideration,

Paul Weske

On Monday, May 27, 2024 at 10:47:15 PM CDT, Brostoff, Jonathan <jonathan.brostoff@milwaukee.gov> wrote:

Thanks for your feedback and this will be noted for the meeting.

You're correct that there was a phase for public input with this project which included both virtual and in person meetings. The feedback from stakeholders was gathered and the folks who do this work got to work and after taking the feedback into account put together the plan for Lake Drive. Protected bike lanes was a major feature and I know that we've discussed. In fact a neighbor who lives right up the block and across the street from you made a very passionate please for protected bike lanes citing how many bikes travel it on a regular basis, both for travel and leisure.

I also know the parking on the West side of the street is a major concern, but statistically speaking it's not actually heavily utilized under the current design.

When you say you believe it "poses a danger to the public" can you give a little more detail please. Is this in reference to the emergency vehicles we discussed earlier or something else and/or in addition to that?

Thanks again.

In service,

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On May 27, 2024, at 22:03, Weske <prweske@yahoo.com> wrote:

We would like to express our opposition to the proposed Lake Drive reconstruction plan from Newberry to Edgewood under agenda item 240144 at the Public Works Commission on May 30, 2024.

We feel that this plan has been pushed through without due process and appropriate public input. At the public meeting to discuss the plans for the Lake Drive reconstruction in 2022, the current plan was never proposed. The preferred plan in the meeting documents was to leave the current layout as is from Kenwood to Edgewood. The public has never had the opportunity to see or comment on the the new plans which include major deviations from the original. These new plans are set to be approved at the scheduled Public Works vote this coming Thursday, May 30th, under item 240144. We feel that these new plans pose a danger to the public, will increase maintenance costs to the city, and destroy the historic character of Lake Drive.

We believe that the public, especially residents who are directed affected, have a right to comment on these new plans and we have never been given this opportunity in a public forum. We ask that the vote be postponed so that a public involvement meeting can be held to address serious resident concerns regarding this project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Paul Weske
Nadine Weske
Elise Weske
3453 N Lake Drive

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Melendez, Yadira

From: Brostoff, Jonathan
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 10:38 PM
To: Melendez, Yadira
Subject: Fwd: Lake Drive reconstruction plans

For the record

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Anne Hamilton <annewing.hamilton2@gmail.com>
Date: May 29, 2024 at 21:46:35 CDT
To: "Brostoff, Jonathan" <Jonathan.Brostoff@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Lake Drive reconstruction plans

Dear Jonathan,

We are writing to express our deep concern about the plans for the reconstruction of Lake Drive.

We have lived at the corner of Lake Drive and Linnwood Avenue for 25 years. We have observed how Lake Park is used, traffic patterns, and parking issues that arise.

Our concerns include the following:

- Obstruction of access to our properties. How will garbage and recycling be picked up without stopping traffic? Where will leaves go in the fall? Piles of leaves often sit next to the curb for many days in the fall. They will be right in the middle of the bike lane.

- Unsafe conditions for emergency vehicles, unsafe conditions for guests of Lake Drive homeowners, who will need to cross Lake Drive in the dark of winter to attend get-togethers.
- Increased pedestrian crossings and ADA hazards;
- Unsafe parking conditions;
- Increased traffic and maintenance hazards; and
- Lack of consideration for the historic character of our street.

The new wider bike lanes are, quite frankly, unnecessary. Bike lanes on the east and west side of Lake Drive were created several years ago and bikers also use the paths in the park. Family bikers almost always use the park paths. It is only the occasional bikers, often several in number, that bike on Lake Drive. They do not do so at night or during winter months. Yet the plan creates concerns year around.

The elimination of parking on the west side of the street will be a major problem for Lake Park users many months of the year. Peak periods are weekends in the summer and concert nights. Soccer practices in the spring and fall are also busy times. People come to Lake Park from all over the city. During peak periods, parking spaces along Lake Drive in front of the park are already scarce. Parking will be pushed further west onto side streets.

We understand that a Common Council vote will take place tomorrow and that an informational meeting on the project is scheduled for June 5. We join with others from the neighborhood in requesting that the vote take place AFTER the June 5 meeting.

Please take our concerns seriously. This project is ill-conceived in so many ways.

Sincerely,

Anne Hamilton
Fred Geilfuss

2963 N. Lake Drive
Milwaukee 53211

Melendez, Yadira

From: Brostoff, Jonathan
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 10:39 PM
To: Greg Pfaff
Cc: Mayor; Melendez, Yadira
Subject: Re: Lake Drive changes

Thanks for your feedback Greg. Noted.

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On May 29, 2024, at 21:02, Greg Pfaff <gregoryleefaff@yahoo.com> wrote:

To whom it may concern-

For the record I am 100% against this proposal.

This project is not a wise use of resources.

It will do nothing but cause years of numerous hassles for the residents of Lake Drive (who pay a large amount in property taxes).

This vote should NOT take place on May 30

Thanks

-Greg Pfaff

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Melendez, Yadira

From: Joseph Goode <jgoode@llgmke.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 11:32 PM
To: Brostoff, Jonathan
Cc: Dina Goode; Mayor; jengonda9@gmail.com; seton1@aol.com; Owczarski, Jim; Melendez, Yadira
Subject: Re: North Lake Drive Reconstruction Project

Bike lanes on both sides of the road? You guys realize how narrow it is, right? You will have people crossing Lake Drive because they can't park on the west side of the street under this plan, right? How safe is that? And why are we building what essentially is a 4 block bike lane from Edgewood to Newbury when the Oak Leaf trail is directly to the west? This will affect property values and undermine safety. Why would the state want that? Why would anyone? What it sounds like to me is lobbyists somewhere are pushing an agenda and now the residents affected are getting extorted with "no new road unless we capitulate to a bad design done under darkness." I said this to you last year with the water main project that was a fiasco: people are leaving the city with good reason.

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From: Brostoff, Jonathan <Jonathan.Brostoff@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 11:22:11 PM
To: Joseph Goode <jgoode@llgmke.com>
Cc: Dina Goode <dina.goode@icloud.com>; Mayor <mayor@milwaukee.gov>; jengonda9@gmail.com <jengonda9@gmail.com>; seton1@aol.com <seton1@aol.com>; Owczarski, Jim <jowcza@milwaukee.gov>; Melendez, Yadira <Yadira.Melendez@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Re: North Lake Drive Reconstruction Project

We got a significant amount of support for bike lanes, including from some neighbors on Lake Drive. I can attest to this personally. Even though I wasn't in this position at the time I did attend some of the meetings

personally and I heard from and saw the requests for protected bike lanes. I've also gotten multiple contacts on it.

I understand that's not your intention and there has been some misunderstanding about the process but the reality is if the plan doesn't proceed the reconstruction doesn't happen.

In service,

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On May 29, 2024, at 23:16, Joseph Goode <jgoode@llgmke.com> wrote:

Not sure what that means. Two years ago there was a design and input. No one wants to lose the federal money but who is driving the train to add a bike lane on this road and disrupt the historic aspects of this street?

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From: Brostoff, Jonathan <Jonathan.Brostoff@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 11:13:44 PM
To: Joseph Goode <jgoode@llgmke.com>

Cc: Dina Goode <dina.goode@icloud.com>; Mayor <mayor@milwaukee.gov>; jengonda9@gmail.com
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Subject: Re: North Lake Drive Reconstruction Project

It's my understanding that the State doesn't operate that way and given the years of work on this, meetings, designs, etc. we are beyond the stage of design element input and are much closer to the stage of implementation.

In other words if this plan doesn't happen there won't be any reconstruction for Lake Drive and there could be additional significant harm done as well.

In service,

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On May 29, 2024, at 23:08, Joseph Goode <jgoode@llgmke.com> wrote:

We would like the road repaired as has been on the agenda for years now. The latest proposal for the bike lane and re-design that will restrict parking and lead to safety concerns is our concern.

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From: Brostoff, Jonathan <Jonathan.Brostoff@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 10:57:22 PM
To: Joseph Goode <jgoode@llgmke.com>
Cc: Dina Goode <dina.goode@icloud.com>; Mayor <mayor@milwaukee.gov>; jengonda9@gmail.com <jengonda9@gmail.com>; seton1@aol.com <seton1@aol.com>; Owczarski, Jim <jowcza@milwaukee.gov>; Melendez, Yadira <Yadira.Melendez@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Re: North Lake Drive Reconstruction Project

Thanks and Dina and Joseph, your positions will be noted for the record.

I'd like some additional clarity on your positions. Do you want the road to be fixed or do you not want the plan to proceed?

In service,

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On May 29, 2024, at 19:34, Joseph Goode <jgoode@llgmke.com> wrote:

Mayor Johnson, Alderman Brostoff, and Members of the Common Council (provided notice through the City Clerk copied here)—

I wish to formally join in my wife Dina's sentiments described below in relation to the revised plan for the Lake Drive reconstruction.

The revised plan (**never** presented to the public generally or those immediately affected)

exemplifies poor government process and I fully expect more from the Mayor and my own alderman. Most critically, the plan will be dangerous for residents, those visiting homes on Lake Drive (including contractors, friends, visitors, and other folks), and will destroy the essence of an historic neighborhood.

While I'm all for getting drivers to slow down, this approach will **not** result in the desired outcome and will undermine the safety you claim to want to secure. We are not opposed to the plan described two years ago (that would we thought would be implemented) and, as Alderman Brostoff knows from past communications with us, we are ENTIRELY in favor of redoing the road from Edgewood to Lake Park because it's a disaster. Long overdue, in our opinion. We would ask you slow down on this piece of the project (as described in the revised plan) to enable someone to study it and to allow for voter input. Since all of the revised plan focuses on above surface work, nothing I say here should stop the start of the long overdue roadwork.

PLEASE APPEND THIS COMMENT AND THE ONE BELOW FROM MY WIFE TO FILE NO. 240144.

Thank you.

Joe Goode

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From: Dina Goode <dina.goode@icloud.com>
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 2:39 PM
To: jonathan.brostoff@milwaukee.gov
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Cc: Joseph Goode <jgoode@llgmke.com>,
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Subject: North Lake Drive Reconstruction Project

Hello Mayor Cavalier and Alderman Brostoff,

My husband (Joseph) and I reside at 3465 N Lake Drive. I am writing to voice our displeasure over the management and design of the North Lake Drive Reconstruction Project. Last week by post we received the first invitation (in two years) to receive information about this project. This mailing encourages us "to attend the meeting and ask questions about construction staging and activities during this project." Seemingly, the objections we voiced 2 years ago (via the public Zoom meeting) to many of the design decisions went ignored. Now we are on the eve of the Common Council voting on the commencement of this project - a fact omitted from the City's "Public Involvement Meeting" announcement. Odd that the Council would vote on this type of public interest issue before the City has publicly presented the final design in any meaningful way.

Public Involvement, an interesting choice of words. We have had little to no voice in this project. And those concerns we have voiced seemingly have been ignored. I can not imagine one resident of my block who thinks bike lanes in both (any?) direction on our street is a good

idea. Why are we encouraging bike traffic on what might be the busiest residential street in the City? Even the bike lanes on Edgewood Avenue are ridiculous. As someone who walks our neighborhood on a daily basis, I can honestly say I've only seen a dozen bikes on that road in 6 years. Meanwhile, the amount of driver confusion and near-miss accidents far exceeds cyclist usage. If the Lake Drive project follows suit as proposed, we sadly anticipate it will equally fail in practice and likewise be very ill-received by both the neighborhood and innumerable commuters who use this road.

Additionally, those of us who live on the west side of the street are sacrificing street parking on our side of Lake Drive. So with the design as-is, bicyclists and our visitors, contractors (many of whom choose not to park in my driveway because it can be pretty hazardous backing out) will be severely endangered when crossing our very busy street. The City wants to put up pilons and other obstacles that will undoubtedly be run over and/or heavily damaged by speeding drivers and snow plows alike. Precast concrete curbs separating the bike lane from the driving lane? Those of us with low profile vehicles don't need another bump in the road. As mentioned above, getting out of and into our driveway is already challenging given the amount and speed of the traffic in both directions. I regularly have drivers closely tailgating me whilst I try to pull into my driveway and what with the proposed street design, we lose the buffer of the parking lane.

So, while the City is apparently trying to protect bicyclists who occasionally take this route, it cares not for the Lake Drive residents who must utilize it every day, several times a day. Honestly, safety-minded cyclists avoid Lake Drive because they know the hazards. So, why are we catering to minority usage of this major thoroughfare?

All this on the heels of a disastrous water main replacement project that left our street continuously and carelessly littered with machinery/equipment, yards torn up and never repaired, driveway aprons haphazardly and sloppily replaced (if you can call them replaced at all), and a severely cracked up, potholed, dangerous-to-drive-or-ride street for the better part of a year. This on a stretch of road that should benefit from some the City's highest-paid residential taxes. The City must do better.

Please reconsider voting for the current design as we truly believe it will only make the problems on our road worse and further physically endanger people who live, visit and pass-through here.

Truly,
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Thanks and Dina and Joseph, your positions will be noted for the record.

I'd like some additional clarity on your positions. Do you want the road to be fixed or do you not want the plan to proceed?

In service,

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On May 29, 2024, at 19:34, Joseph Goode <jgoode@llgmke.com> wrote:

Mayor Johnson, Alderman Brostoff, and Members of the Common Council (provided notice through the City Clerk copied here)—

I wish to formally join in my wife Dina's sentiments described below in relation to the revised plan for the Lake Drive reconstruction.

The revised plan (**never** presented to the public generally or those immediately affected) exemplifies poor government process and I fully expect more from the Mayor and my own alderman. Most critically, the plan will be dangerous for residents, those visiting homes on Lake Drive (including contractors, friends, visitors, and other folks), and will destroy the essence of an historic neighborhood.

While I'm all for getting drivers to slow down, this approach will **not** result in the desired outcome and will undermine the safety you claim to want to secure. We are not opposed to the plan described two years ago (that would we thought would be implemented) and, as Alderman Brostoff knows from past communications with us, we are ENTIRELY in favor of redoing the road from Edgewood to Lake Park because it's a disaster. Long overdue, in our opinion. We would ask you slow down on this piece of the project (as described in the revised plan) to enable someone to study it and to allow for voter input. Since all of the revised plan focuses on above surface work, nothing I say here should stop the start of the long overdue roadwork.

**PLEASE APPEND THIS COMMENT AND THE ONE BELOW
FROM MY WIFE TO FILE NO. 240144.**

Thank you.

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