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City of Milwaukee, Public Works Committee
Ald. Robert Bauman, Chair

RE: File #240144

May 28, 2024

I would like to express my support of the planned improvements and reconstruction of North Lake Drive as currently proposed, including protected bike lanes, curb extensions, better ramps, and other amenities that make the road safer for all users, including bikes and pedestrians.

As a resident on the southwest corner of Hampshire St. and Lake Dr., I have a good understanding of how that street is currently used and how unfriendly it can be. Indeed, the yard where my young children play is entirely along Lake Drive—I witness the unsafe behaviors of many drivers on a daily basis. I see how pedestrians risk life and limb merely crossing the street. Lincoln Memorial Drive proceeding north on Lake Drive is a popular route for people riding bikes; several stretches of Lake Drive between Kenwood and Hartford in particular are quite high-stress environments.

The proposed road improvement should help reduce speeds, encourage more attentive driving, and provide safer experiences to everyone on the road. I fully support these efforts.

Like my neighbors, I pay significant property taxes and will endure a special assessment as a result of this project. While this does not give me any special privilege, I am pleased that our City is using our tax dollars to build infrastructure that is safer and more accessible for the community. Any personal inconveniences are greatly outweighed by the enhanced enjoyment and safety of the community at large.

Respectfully,

Noel Kegel

cc: Ald. Westmoreland, Ald. Coggs, Ald. Brostoff, Ald. Taylor, Y. Melendez, J. Osterman

Melendez, Yadira

From: Brostoff, Jonathan
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 10:39 PM
To: Mitchell Henke
Cc: Bauman, Robert; Coggs, Milele; Taylor, Larresa; Westmoreland, Lamont; Melendez, Yadira
Subject: Re: Support for File 240144

Thanks for the feedback, CCing our committee staff for the record.

In service,

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On May 29, 2024, at 21:27, Mitchell Henke <pbac@mitchellhenke.com> wrote:

Hello,

My name is Mitchell Henke, and I am writing in support of File 240144. I am the current chair of the City of Milwaukee's Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee. This project is important for connectivity to Milwaukee's parks, trails, and neighborhoods. The project is also supported by the City's Complete Streets Policy, Pedestrian Plan, and Vision Zero resolution. Additionally, the Northeast Area Plan includes the goal of creating a multi-modal public right of way on major and minor arterials.

I have biked and walked this stretch of Lake Drive, and I have found it very difficult to cross safely due to the distance and speeds of drivers who rarely yield.

This project should be approved as-is to avoid costly delays.

Thank you,
- Mitchell Henke

Melendez, Yadira

From: Brostoff, Jonathan
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 11:03 PM
To: Paul Mueller
Cc: Mayor; seton1@aol.com; jengonda9@gmail.com; Jane LaMarre-Waldron; kathleenpritchardphd@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Lake Drive reconstruction : DELAY TOMORROWS APPROVAL MEETING

Thanks Paul, your feedback has been noted.

Also, to be clear the meeting on the 5th isn't about changing design elements of the plan, rather it's about the schedule and timeline for implementation of the plan as well as how to best deal with the logistics involved with construction, roadwork, etc.

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On May 29, 2024, at 15:27, Paul Mueller <piranesi456@gmail.com> wrote:

As a long time East Side and 10 year Newport Court owner I am extremely disappointed in the lack of communication by the City as to the proposed changes to the April 2022 agreed upon plan and STRONGLY encourage the deferment of the approval meeting scheduled to our understanding for the 30th.

Communication about this project has been POOR at best to the affected by the tax paying owners.

It MUST be delayed until the June 5th informational meeting which I will be attending.

Paul C. Mueller
3026 East Newport Court.

Melendez, Yadira

From: Brostoff, Jonathan
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 11:08 PM
To: Michael Clouthier
Cc: rjbauman@milwaukee.gov; Mayor; Melendez, Yadira
Subject: Re: N. Lake Drive Complete Streets Project

Thanks for the feedback, it has been noted for the record.

In service,

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On May 29, 2024, at 13:43, Michael Clouthier <clout034@gmail.com> wrote:

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Mayor Cavalier Johnson
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Dear Alderman Bauman, Mayor Johnson and Alderman Brostoff,
I am writing to express my strong support for the N. Lake Drive Complete Streets Project. As a resident of the upper east side who frequently visits the Lake Park area and a dedicated advocate for urban development, I believe this project will significantly enhance the safety, accessibility and overall quality of life for our community. Complete Streets are essential for fostering a multimodal transportation system that prioritizes pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit users alongside motorists. By redesigning N. Lake Drive with these principles in mind, the project will:

1. **Improve Safety:** Implementing traffic calming measures and safer pedestrian crossings will reduce accidents and enhance safety for all road users.
2. **Enhance Accessibility:** Providing better infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians, including bike lanes and wider sidewalks, ensures that residents of all ages and abilities can navigate our streets safely and comfortably.
3. **Promote Environmental Sustainability:** Encouraging walking, cycling, and the use of public transit reduces our carbon footprint and promotes a healthier environment.
4. **Foster a Sense of Community:** Creating more welcoming and accessible public spaces encourages social interaction, strengthens community bonds and enhances the overall livability of our neighborhoods.

This project aligns with our city's commitment to sustainable development and supports Milwaukee's vision of becoming a more livable and inclusive city. I urge you to fully support the N. Lake Drive Complete Streets Project and allocate the necessary resources for its successful implementation.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to seeing the positive impact this project will have on our community.

Sincerely,
Michael Clouthier

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Melendez, Yadira

From: Montavius Jones <montaviusj92@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 7:52 AM
To: Bauman, Robert; Brostoff, Jonathan; Mayor
Cc: Melendez, Yadira
Subject: Lake Drive Complete Streets, support

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Best regards,
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Melendez, Yadira

From: Alexander Pendleton <pendleton@pendletonlegal.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 8:14 AM
To: Melendez, Yadira
Cc: Wineberg, Jessica; John Knetzger; Robert Burns; kirsten@wisconsinbikefed.org; chri@wfb-safe.org; alde3@milwaukee.gov; Linda Keane; Tom.Talajkowski@gmail.com; Tom Kuhlmann (tkuhlmann3920@icloud.com); Mara Kuhlmann; Jeff Miller
Subject: Ensuring that the New Lake Drive is Safe and Better for All Users
Importance: High

Dear Members of the Milwaukee Public Works Committee:

I am the president of Greater Shorewood Bikers, Inc., an organization that works to promote more biking, and better and safer streets and infrastructure for biking and walking in Milwaukee County. I write to you on behalf of my organization's more than 300 members. I urge you to support the adding of protected bike lanes ("PBLs") on Lake Drive, when it is reconstructed.

I am highly familiar with Lake Drive, as I use that street practically every day (as a driver, walker, runner, dog walker or biker). I am a business owner, and my office is downtown on Wisconsin Avenue, so Lake Drive is often the best option for me to get to or from my office. I know from personal experience that Lake Drive is an important recreational-and-healthy-living corridor for thousands of Milwaukee County residents who are looking for a safe and beautiful place to walk, run or bike.

My organization and its members are very much interested in ensuring that Lake Drive is safe to walk, run and bike on. That means as Lake Drive is re-built, **it is vitally important that a complete streets approach be taken**, and the design adopted is one that ensures that the new Lake Drive will be designed so that it becomes better and safer *for all users*.

Lake Drive is a world-class street, and it is essential that it have world-class bike infrastructure, and that means *protected bike lanes* (not mere paint). My group has for over a decade advocated for a *connected network* of high-quality bike lanes in Milwaukee County, and protected bike lanes on Lake Drive are a key part of any such network.

We know that the plans for reconstructing and redesigning Lake Drive in Milwaukee have been discussed for years now, and protected bike lanes have been part of the *public discussion* of those plans since at least December of 2022 (see City Engineer Kevin Muhs' letter dated 11/30/2022 to Lake Drive residents confirming the DOT had approved PBLs on Lake Drive).

PBLs on Lake Drive are needed. Very simply **PROTECTED BIKE LANES PROTECT LIVES, AND SAVE LIVES**. That statement is supported by years of research, and the Committee's decisions should be based on research, not mere subjective opinions. "Mere paint" doesn't do the job.

Putting aside the research, I am also personally aware of a bike accident on Lake Drive in Shorewood last year when a driver crossed the "fog line" and struck several riders at about 30 to 35 mph, seriously injuring one of them. I can send you the "GoPro" video of the accident, if you want to see the frightening details.

It is long past time for PBLs on Lake Drive. The desires of a few Lake Drive residents, should not trump the desires of the many who use Lake Drive every day to walk, run, or bike.

At its meeting today, and going forward on this project, I urge the Public Works Committee to take into account the needs and desires of vulnerable road users. Thank you for your consideration of the above comments. Very truly yours,

ALEXANDER "SANDIE" PENDLETON
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Subject: Re: Ensuring that the New Lake Drive is Safe and Better for All Users

Dear Alexander, I am just home this morning and catching up with email. Thank you for this strong recommendation. When we moved to Lake Drive the daily traffic was around 12,000 cars. Now, with all of the construction, it is above 30,000 or more. It is crazy. In front of our own house, we have seen three cars totaled: cars driving on the greenway, cars taking out trees and bushes when the drive curves, and a driver veering into bikers and knocking them over. I am sorry I missed the meeting last night, but I am all for dedicated bike lanes on Lake Drive. It is a scenic Highway and must accommodate safe bike practices.

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