

## Melendez, Yadira

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**From:** Carrie Kohloff <ckohloff@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 1:03 PM  
**To:** Melendez, Yadira; Bauman, Robert; Brostoff, Jonathan  
**Cc:** Rick Kohloff  
**Subject:** Fwd: Common Council File #240144 - Lake Drive Curbed Bike Lane

**Importance:** High

PLEASE include the below in Common Council File #240144

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Carrie Kohloff <ckohloff@me.com>  
**Subject:** Curbed Bike Lane - Lake Drive  
**Date:** May 28, 2024 at 1:04:44 PM CDT  
**To:** mayor@milwaukee.gov, Jonathan.brostoff@milwaukee.gov  
**Cc:** Rick Kohloff <rick.kohloff@gmail.com>

Dear Mayor Johnson & Alderman Brostoff,

While I am a cyclist, we do not support the change to hardscaping bike lanes. I am familiar with what they have done in Evanston and Skokie, IL; however, our .08 mile small stretch of Lake Drive will not create the proposed benefit for anyone - including bikers.

I am not a traffic engineer, but this will only create confusion and chaos for motorist, cyclist and pedestrians. The possible benefits of slowing down traffic and protecting cyclists, do not outweigh ALL the cons. We've lived on Lake Drive for over 20 years - both in Shorewood on the west side of the street and now in Milwaukee on the east side of Lake Drive. "We" navigate and see the daily traffic flow and putting in concrete curbed bike lanes will only disrupt traffic and **cause confusion.**

For all the obvious reasons, raised barriers will create unsafe parking condition for delivery/moving trucks, restrict access to service and emergency vehicles, maintenance and DPW services - how will Lake Drive be plowed? debris between new curbs collected? what happens on garbage and recycling days on the west side of the street - do they stop in the bike lane? or east side when workers are crossing over bike lane to get carts? Not to mention, green & white posts in front of all our houses which is a total eye soar in a historic community. Everywhere I see these posts installed i.e. Lake Drive & Hartford for crossing to the WI Institute of Torah Study, Whole Foods entrance on Prospect, etc.. all these posts are either knocked down or bent over and didn't survive winter plowing?

The same bikers on Lake Drive riding through Bayside, Fox Point, Whitefish Bay, Shorewood down to Milwaukee are only going to be protected/safe for the .08 mile stretch in Milwaukee? The potholes and uneven roads are far more dangerous to bikers, motorists and pedestrians. Let's fix Lake Drive, have designated bike lanes like we've always had and like all other villages. The proposed plan will only disrupt this area of Lake Drive. We are out of town and not able to attend the May 30th meeting. May this letter serve as our vote of not supporting curbed biked lanes.

Regards,  
Rick and Carrie Kohloff  
3418 N Lake Drive

**Melendez, Yadira**

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**From:** Sandra McSweeney <samcsweeney30@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 11:21 AM  
**To:** Brostoff, Jonathan; Jackson, Benjamin (CC); Melendez, Yadira  
**Subject:** Common Council File#240144 -  
**Attachments:** Scan\_20240610 (3).jpg; Scan\_20240610 (5).jpg; Scan\_20240610 (6).jpg

ALL:

It has been brought to my attention that my document related to Lake Drive Construction Project has not been recorded for the Common Council Meeting to be held 6/11/24.

I request this be filed & included in Common Council File #240144.

Thank you.

Sandra McSweeney

Public Hearing City Hall  
File #240144  
Lake Drive Construction Project

May 30, 2024

**WE DO NOT WANT TO DELAY THE PROJECT, OUR OBJECTIONS DO NOT CONCERN THE ROAD BED**

- ALTERATIONS REQUESTED WILL NOT DELAY THE PROJECT
- I AM PRO CYCLING – I RIDE AT LEAST 20 MILES PER DAY IN SUMMER

**Parking** Oppose No Parking on West Side of Lake Drive

- \*all contractors on will park on the East side
- \* all visitors will need to park on East side
- \*ADA should object
- \* Handicap individuals will not be able to cross
  - a wheelchair?
  - someone with a cane
  - a child or juvenile

**Parking** All Parking on the East Side only

- \*Creates a hazardous exit from our driveway
- \*when entering the driveway on the east from the north,  
Cars will be blocked up – cannot pass on the right

**Bike Lane** \* Lane traveling South, 5' from curb,  
with a permanent concrete Curb w/reflective marking  
Not appropriate for an Historic District

- \*Garbage trucks will not be able to pull onto the 5' bike lane  
They will block traffic from the North
- \* emergency vehicles will not be able to park on the  
West side of LD, unless jump curb
- \* cars will not be able to pull to the curb  
when ambulances are going south to the hospital
- \*curb create a hazardous condition for accessibility

**Bike Lane** \*Bike Lane going North will have permanent 24" flexible markers  
– & is UNNECESSARY

- \*this does not conform to a Historic District
- \*why is biking different on one side of the street?  
They should be the same – what makes the east & west different

**ADA** Accessibility to west side of street with parking only  
on the east side is more than dangerous

**OBJECTIONS: LACK OF INFORMATION SENT TO RESIDENTS OF THE CITY**

A letter was sent notifying residents of an approved plan 11/30/2022. In the public hearings of 2022, I signed up to receive updates, I'm told Megan O'Connor is no longer with the City & no one followed up.

On February 14, 2024 the City of MKE sent a letter, STATING that they were 'preparing construction plans of N L.D.

In the same letter, PWD " was scheduling a Public Hearing for this project".

When I returned to WI in April I attempted numerous times to contact Samuel Medhin, & on 4/30/24, he advised me he had been out of the office - no one was listening to his messages.

Starting 4/8/24, I began contacting the Alderman's office, again requesting when this hearing was to take place.

As of 4/16, the Alderman's assistant they were planning a meeting to advise residents of schedules & traffic plans. No where was a mention of a "public hearing referenced".

**Snow Plowing**      \*snow plows push snow to the curb  
                                 - now to the bike lane?

**Special Bike Lane Plowing**

                                 \*at an EXTRA cost to City residents lanes will be plowed

\*when will these lanes be plowed? When the streets all clear?

\*how does this work at the entrance/exit of the driveways?

**Side Walk Bump Outs**      -      oppose the black & yellow markers

The biking lanes should not change at the entrance to Shorewood – A consistency should be followed on Hwy 32, not keep changing from City to Village.

Sandra & Marc McSweeney, 3450 N. Lake Drive, Milwaukee

Thank you.

## Melendez, Yadira

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**From:** Katie Heil <katieheil108@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 8, 2024 6:31 PM  
**To:** Melendez, Yadira  
**Subject:** Statement on File #240144

Dear Alderman Melendez,

I am a resident of the upper east side and live at 3150 E. Kenwood Blvd. I recently became aware of the plan for the reconstruction of south lake drive, Common Council File # 240144, and I would like it on the record that I am vehemently opposed to the plan for these reasons:

- Obstruction of access to our properties,
- Unsafe conditions for emergency vehicles,
- Increased pedestrian crossings, ADA hazards,
- Unsafe parking conditions,
- Increased traffic and maintenance hazards, and
- Lack of consideration for the historic character of our street.

I am also very disappointed in the process.

Thank you-

Katie Heil

## Melendez, Yadira

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**From:** Pfaff <laura.pfaff@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 8, 2024 6:35 PM  
**To:** Brostoff, Jonathan  
**Cc:** Melendez, Yadira; Bauman, Robert  
**Subject:** Re: LAKE DRIVE REVISIONS ARE RIDICULOUS- JUST SAY NO

Many, many didn't receive mailings. Not just our address. I am very concerned of the illegality of these omissions and not following notification requirements.

As I noted in the meeting, there is minimal "reckless driving" on Lake Drive where these changes have been proposed. Do some people drive over the speed limit? Of course, like they do on every city street. But they are not drag racing or passing in the parking lanes like in other areas of the city. Furthermore, these proposed changes will actually do absolutely nothing to curb this type of every day speeding. In fact, residents and their guests on the west side of Lake Drive will instead be regularly put in harms way when required to cross the street to get to their parked cars.

You state that one (1) neighbor spoke "glowingly of the changes". Am I to take from this that a single person's opinion trumps all those who have opposing concerns? That does not seem like an open-minded, democratic process.

Finally, I would like to be forwarded the City of Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission's Certificate of Appropriateness that this project received. As my Common Council Representative, I would appreciate it if you would either facilitate this or inform me if you have knowledge that one was not required and/or not secured. Plastic breakaway pilings running the length of Lake Drive from Newberry to Kenwood should certainly require this approval.

Thank you,

Laura Pfaff

**Again, please include this communication in the Common Counsel File #240144.**

On Jun 8, 2024, at 5:55 PM, Brostoff, Jonathan <[Jonathan.Brostoff@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Brostoff@milwaukee.gov)> wrote:

Noted. I'm sorry you didn't receive any information about the meetings. Other neighbors did and it's my understanding my predecessor helped publicize them as well, but that was before my time so I don't have all the details. You have a neighbor that lives right up the street from you whose testimony is in the file that speaks glowingly of the changes.

I'm not sure about all the work you've done creating subdivisions in Illinois (admittedly neither subdivisions or Illinois are subjects I'm very well versed in), but I will look into change orders at your recommendation.



If we're going to combat reckless driving we need to work towards streets built for people, not just moving cars as fast as possible.

In service,

Jonathan Brostoff  
Alderson District 3  
City of Milwaukee  
200 E. Wells St. Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
(414) 286-3765  
Facebook Twitter

On Jun 8, 2024, at 14:36, Pfaff <[laura.pfaff@yahoo.com](mailto:laura.pfaff@yahoo.com)> wrote:

With all due respect, my family never received any of the notice/mailings (possibly one 4 years ago) that were 'reportedly' (and legally required to be) sent out, especially not the one that reviewed the designs after they were supposedly narrowed down to 3. As a result, my husband and I had no idea that there were public forums regarding the designs either. True to form, we were also not provided any written notice of the May 30, 2024 meeting until a neighbor happened to mention it the night before while on a dog walk. Again, it can't be stated enough that we have NOT been sent these legally required communications, especially given the historic nature of this Lake Drive neighborhood. When you don't mail out notices of meetings, people don't attend said meetings.

Please note that we ALL support reconstructing and repaving Lake Drive. This is necessary and no one is arguing this, should you listen to your constituents. What we do not like are the **unsightly** and **unsafe ramifications** of concrete curb barriers and the plastic dividers. I have yet to meet a SINGLE LAKE DRIVE RESIDENT who is in favor of these surface finishes of this project. Not a single one. Parking is also a concern for many. But also no one thinks there should be no bike lanes.

My family has been in land development in IL for well over 60 years. Subdivisions specifically. Therefore, I am fairly knowledgeable with the process of building roads. As a result, I am also very aware that project "finishes" can be modified or changed... and easily... with a change order. For example, taking the concrete curb divider out of the plans and using traditional paint to mark the lanes would be an easy change to sign-off on. This part of the project isn't even slated until 2025. It is patently untrue, absurd, and misleading to claim that finish change orders to this Lake Drive project will cause a 10 year delay, as was stated by your committee on May 30.

It would be so easy to come together to agree on the surface road finishes so that everyone gets what they want ... which includes keeping a beautiful, historic road that is both functional and aesthetically appropriate. It is crazy that it appears that

the city is digging in their heels on this when a compromise is within reach and will result in a far better final product for all.

Please include this communication in Common Council File #240144.

Laura Pfaff  
2943 N. Lake Drive.

On Jun 8, 2024, at 9:42 AM, Brostoff, Jonathan  
<[Jonathan.Brostoff@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Brostoff@milwaukee.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Laura, noted. Just to reiterate what was said earlier, it was during the design input process where DOT held their meetings in person (UWM) and virtually, that the feedback that would ultimately inform the Lake Drive that's coming were gathered. Although it was before I got here, I did attend as a neighbor and witnessed neighbors providing all sorts of valuable feedback. You'll find one of the most compelling letters attached below. Having neighbors like this who pushed hard for protecting bikers, slowing traffic and making it safer for pedestrians seem to have had a significant influence on the DOT's decision. In fact, I think it's likely that without the sort of input and advocacy from neighbors like the one who sent this letter, we may have had a very different design overall, likely without protection for cyclists in the form of protected bike lanes.

In service,

Jonathan Brostoff  
Alderson District 3  
City of Milwaukee  
200 E. Wells St. Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
(414) 286-3765  
Facebook Twitter

On Jun 8, 2024, at 09:22, Pfaff  
<[laura.pfaff@yahoo.com](mailto:laura.pfaff@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Please include my comment below in **Common Council File #240144.**

Laura

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Pfaff  
<[laura.pfaff@yahoo.com](mailto:laura.pfaff@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** LAKE DRIVE  
REVISIONS ARE RIDICULOUS-  
JUST SAY NO  
**Date:** May 29, 2024 at 8:35:33  
PM CDT  
**To:** [mayor@milwaukee.gov](mailto:mayor@milwaukee.gov),  
[Jonathan.brostoff@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Jonathan.brostoff@milwaukee.gov)  
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There are SO MANY reasons that the planned changes to Lake Drive are ridiculous and awful for the residents of Lake Drive. I live here and the problems these modifications are countless. There are safety concerns, parking concerns, car concerns for the residents (we could hit a concrete curb while leaving our driveways???? There are snow removal concerns.

I honestly can't believe that you would ever consider this a logical solution that works for everyone. Plus then on top of it you plan a hearing for 9:00 am on a Thursday? If that isn't trying to bury a hearing, nothing is.

These decisions are part of the reason why Milwaukee is failing.

**VOTE NO!!!!**

Laura Pfaff  
2943 N. Lake Drive.

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## Melendez, Yadira

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**From:** Jennifer O Keef <jenniferokeef@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 8:40 AM  
**To:** Melendez, Yadira; Bauman, Robert; Brostoff, Jonathan  
**Subject:** In regards to Common Council File #240144

Good morning,

Please add the enclosed to Common Council File #240144 in regard to the proposed changes to Lake Drive from Newberry Blvd to Edgewood.

As things currently stand on the issue, I agree that Lake Drive is in desperate need of repairs and that some form of bike lanes are important; however, I have concerns about the safety and neighborhood impact of the design as proposed. Specifically, I am concerned that the proposed curbing will make it difficult, if not impossible, for traffic to properly move out of the way for emergency vehicles and around refuse vehicles on Lake Drive. Additionally, the bike lane curbing and the posts will make snow removal difficult, if not impossible, adding to safety concerns around navigating snow pile build up, as well as rendering the bike lanes themselves unusable for months at a time. The posts themselves are an eyesore and represent significant visual pollution if stretched the entire length of the project and are incongruous in a historic district. And finally, the removal of street parking on the entire western length of the project is an undue burden for homeowners.

Again, the neighborhood was not given sufficient notice or information regarding the final proposed design and I hope that the Common Council will consider allowing more thoughtful input from those who live here and use Lake Drive on a daily basis.

Regards,  
Jennifer O'Keef  
2914 E Newberry Blvd

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jennifer O Keef <jenniferokeef@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** Please delay the vote on the reconstruction of Lake Drive/bike lanes  
**Date:** May 29, 2024 at 10:17:02 PM CDT  
**To:** [mayor@milwaukee.gov](mailto:mayor@milwaukee.gov), [Jonathan.brostoff@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Jonathan.brostoff@milwaukee.gov)

Dear Sirs,

I am writing this evening upon first hearing of the proposed changes to Lake Drive. Specifically, I am asking that you delay the currently scheduled vote (on Thursday, May 30) until AFTER the public information meeting currently scheduled on June 5. It seems reasonable and fair that a proposal submitted on January 18 which significantly changes the existing and all previously discussed designs should have received public review and comment PRIOR TO a vote. The new design will SIGNIFICANTLY impact residents on and near Lake Drive and thus deserves public transparency.

Additionally, in an area that is nearly undrivable due to poor road surface conditions and also contains lead sewer pipes in desperate need of replacement, this is a very questionable use of taxpayer funds. And finally, if the North Ave area is an example of this project it is completely inconsistent with the historic nature of Lake Drive.

Regards,  
Jennifer O'Keef  
2914 E Newberry Blvd

TO: Alderman Jonathan Brostoff  
Alderman Robert Bauman  
Mayor Cavalier Johnson

June 10, 2024

Resurface North Lake Drive AND THEN STOP – There are Numerous Reasons to Reconsider The Unwarranted Proposal to Completely Reconstruct the 0.85 -mile stretch of Lake Drive Between Edgewood Ave. and Newberry Blvd. at the excessive cost of \$9.8M.

- 1. No meaningful opportunity for public input. Apparently, there have been misrepresentations made about alleged mailings to the impacted neighborhood. We live a short block off of Lake Drive in the 3300 block of North Shepard Ave and use Lake Drive every day – sometime multiple times. We have lived here for 11 years and carefully read our mail but never heard about this project until we read about it for the first time in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on June 1, 2024 - 10 days ago - and in Urban Milwaukee on June 3 - 7 days ago. Our opportunity, and that of our neighbors and nearby residents, to react to this proposal, has therefore been virtually nil. Proceeding without adequate citizen input will result in a decision in which all relevant factors may not have been taken into account.
  
- 2. The legitimate need is to simply resurface Lake Dr. The needed resurfacing would cost a mere fraction of the cost of what is being proposed, i.e. \$9.8M! There is no need for the proposed new curbs and new sidewalks which are in good shape. As for the proposed “protected” bike lanes, they would be costly to build, costly to maintain (especially in winter when it snows), and would require ongoing repair of damage caused by cars, trucks, snowplows, etc. In addition, the 8” high proposed bike barrier will be difficult to see in the dark or in rain or snow and may cause a serious accident if a driver strays to the edge of the lane, hits the barrier, and then ricochets back into the road.

- 3. Excessive cost to taxpayers should be avoided. Regardless of how the cost (\$9.8million!!) is shared as among federal, state and city taxpayers it is all on the backs of the same persons who pay all of these kinds of taxes. The claim that the City of Milwaukee is only paying a small share of the total cost – because the lion’s share is coming from state and federal sources – is misleading. If this \$9.8M public expenditure is unneeded, then it is hurtful to all of us who also pay federal and Wisconsin taxes regardless of where we live.

- 4. This Project would hurt downtown business development. North Lake Drive is the major north- south travel route east of I-94 for commuters between the North Shore (Bayside, Fox Point, Whitefish Bay, Shorewood, Milwaukee’s Upper East Side) into and back from downtown Milwaukee. It is heavily used by these commuters whose travel time is of obvious importance. The immense disruption of Lake Drive travel and the incremental burden of detours through surrounding neighborhoods during construction, coupled with the relatively slower travel time to and from downtown even after completion, would, taken together, be just one more reason for North Shore residents and decision makers to reduce or even avoid their doing business in downtown Milwaukee - just the opposite of the “healthy business atmosphere” we are trying to promote for downtown Milwaukee.

5. Grossly disproportionate focus on desires of bikers vs automobile drivers. For every one biker who uses Lake Drive there are probably 500 automobile drivers. The bikers have loud voices which, as here, are usually very out of proportion to their legitimate weight in a discussion of this type.

6. The proposed project would add significant additional ongoing maintenance and snowplowing costs and would slow emergency vehicles.

7. There would be a harmful Loss of parking capacity on Lake Drive. The proposed permanent loss of parking capacity on Lake Drive would be harmful to the homeowners and institutional property owners (and their visitors) along Lake Drive. In addition, property owners on nearby streets would therefore suffer increased parking demand in front of their homes.



- 8. “Traffic calming” claim is bogus. In terms of traffic flow, the stretch of North Lake Drive at issue is presently used almost always as only one driving lane in each direction. There is very little significant speeding on it. Any claim that this proposed project is “traffic calming” is wholly without merit and seems to be “a solution in search of a problem.”

PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL. THANK YOU.

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