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To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Written Objection – File #19277, Wheelock Pkwy / Grotto St (2026) Reconstruction Phase II
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to formally submit a written objection regarding the proposed sidewalk construction and associated assessment for the Wheelock Parkway / Grotto Street (2026) Reconstruction Phase II project, File #19277, as it applies to my property located at 1281 Alameda Street, Saint Paul, MN.

I object to the construction of a new sidewalk adjacent to my property and to the assessment of \$9,852.00 on the grounds that the proposed improvement does not provide a special benefit to my property that is proportionate to the cost being assessed.

Specifically:

1. Lack of necessity and use

The proposed sidewalk is not necessary for pedestrian safety or access in this location. The street and the surrounding area already accommodates pedestrian traffic adequately, and there is limited pedestrian demand adjacent to my property. The addition of a sidewalk would not materially change access, safety, or usability for residents or the general public.

2. No special benefit to the property

While sidewalks may provide a limited and minor general public benefit, the proposed improvement does not confer a special or unique benefit to my property that would justify a nearly \$10,000 assessment. The sidewalk would be unreasonably close to my home and if anything, would decrease my home's value.

3. Disproportionate financial burden

The assessment represents a significant financial burden that is not reasonably related to any increase in property value, functionality, or safety specific to my parcel. The cost far exceeds any measurable benefit received by the property owner. \$267.75 per foot of sidewalk is an unreasonably high cost.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that you reconsider the sidewalk portion of this project as it applies to my property and my street, reduce or eliminate the assessment, or otherwise exempt my property from the sidewalk construction and associated costs.

Thank you for your consideration of this objection. I request that this letter be entered into the public record for the January 28, 2026 public hearing.

Sincerely,
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