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As owner and 29-year resident at 542 Pelham Boulevard, I have concerns about the proposed reconstruction of Pelham Boulevard.

I do not agree that the reconstruction of the bike trail and related roadway reconstruction would increase the market value of my home by the \$9,612.00 "Special Benefit" assessment I will be charged. But I am relieved I do not have to come up with the original \$23,258.88 assessment. My property lost value in 2017 when the on-street parking was eliminated for the bike trail, and I could no longer use my property to host professional meetings or gatherings with family/friends.

I am concerned about the potential loss of mature deciduous trees along Pelham Boulevard. Coordination with the Forestry department for specifications and enforcement of contractors to protect the trees has not been assured. I've been disappointed at the lack of coordination and communication between City departments. We've learned over time that our sewer main was lined and does not have to be replaced, so our inquiries have helped provide options to preserve our tree canopy.

Pelham Boulevard is used as a shortcut from Highway 280 to Lake Street, including trucks and other heavy vehicles. At rush hour the substantial volume of traffic poses a significant risk to neighborhood children walking to near-ball, T-ball, hockey, ice skating and other activities at Desnoyer Park. Currently there is a stop sign and crosswalk at Doane to the corner of Desnoyer Park, which slows traffic at that location. I am concerned about the removal of those stop signs on Pelham Boulevard at that location, with the replacement of a midpoint median that interrupts Doane. I have a concern about impeding emergency vehicle turning movements at this proposed median, even if it is a surmountable curb, especially during winter when snow accumulates.

I understand with the removal of these stop signs that new stop signs on Pelham will be placed at the foot of the I-94 bridge on St. Anthony and at the top of the Pelham Hill at Beverly. I caution and recommend consideration of limited sightlines southbound due to the camber of the I-94 bridge, and the significant incline impairing vehicle restart in icy conditions northbound at the top of the hill.

I have a concern about coordination and communication with the residents along Pelham prior to and during construction. Notifying DPIA does not get information to homeowners on Pelham. Please notify homeowners directly on Pelham prior to and during construction and keep that communication current throughout the project to minimize the impacts.

Thank you.

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