



Riverwood Homeowners Association

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Report on Homeowner Survey: City of Ann Arbor Sidewalk Proposal

The Riverwood Homeowners Association Board conducted a survey of all 77 homeowners in the neighborhood to gauge support for or opposition to the City of Ann Arbor's proposal to construct a sidewalk along one side of Newport Road from Wines Elementary School to Riverwood Road. The City's plans were discussed at a Riverwood Homeowners Association meeting on 3 Feb 2014. The meeting presentation and an FAQ were distributed to most homeowners by email. Copies were available on request.

The survey ballot, delivered by US mail, was worded as follows:

"The Riverwood Homeowners Association asks you to express your opinion on the City's sidewalk proposal as it presently exists. Are you in favor of the proposal by the City of Ann Arbor for the construction of a sidewalk on Newport Road?"

Fifty-one of 77 eligible homeowners (66.2%) submitted ballots by the deadline of 16 February 2014. The breakdown of the voting is 38 "YES" votes (74.5%) and 13 "NO" votes (25.5%).

Fifteen of 38 homeowners who voted "YES" added comments on the survey. Five homeowners expressed enthusiasm for the City's initiative. Five homeowners expressed the desire to have the sidewalk extended to Newport Creek for the benefit of a larger number of homeowners. Four homeowners who support the proposal are also concerned about the possible loss of the AAPS bus services to Wines and Forsythe. A third group of comments on supportive ballots expressed concern about the safety of the M-14 bridge (snow clearing and safety barriers) even with a new sidewalk.

Eleven of 13 homeowners who voted "NO" regarding the City sidewalk proposal added comments on the ballot. Three major objections were noted.

1. Eight homeowners either object to the costs of the sidewalk, believe that they should be folded into the larger cost of road paving, or want the costs distributed across a wider range of beneficiaries, including AAPS.
2. Some homeowners do not support building a sidewalk that will not be maintained in the winter.
3. Some Riverwood homeowners object to sidewalk construction if it results in the loss of AAPS bus service.

Respectfully submitted,

Riverwood Association Board

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