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From: Nixon Road Citizens Affected by Sidewalk Project
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Date: April 1, 2020

Subject: Objections to Nixon & Traver Sidewalk Project

We above citizens of Ann Arbor's northeast side will be adversely affected by the proposed sidewalk project on the west side of Nixon Road beginning at the southeast corner of the Toll Brothers North Oaks project and extending to the north side of Traver Road from Nixon Road to Logan Elementary school.

We understand the need for safe and continuous sidewalks in the city but believe this project should be cancelled for the following reasons:

- 1) No Logan school student including the entire North Oaks project will need this sidewalk. A sidewalk from the North Oaks project now enters the north side of the upper Logan playground and there is a paved path all the way to the school entrance.
- 2) The Nixon Road Corridor plan is not yet complete. As such completion of the sidewalk at this time may necessitate it be modified in the future, especially at the Nixon/Traver intersection.
- 3) The proposed sidewalk will require removal of significant landscape barriers and a number of trees which will adversely affect the property owners and the environment.
- 4) All property owners (100%) affected by this project object to it going forward.
- 5) The property owners believe the City could spend the money on more necessary projects.
- 6) Cost of snow removal and liability would be a significant cost to the property owners for very minimal usage. The east side sidewalk can be easily accessed and is complete from Green to Plymouth Road.
- 7) Due to the current situation with Covid-19 the normal process of public hearing may be significantly altered. This crisis has and will alter the financial status of citizens, the City, State and Federal governments.
- 8) There is uncertainty as to whether a proper traffic and pedestrian study has been completed which would justify the project both in terms of need and cost/benefit.

Your careful consideration of our petition is very much appreciated. Consider this our written objection to the project per the administrative process which is already under way.