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Thank you for soliciting feedback about the summer neighborhood street closing program. I write about the impact of your having closed Sunset, the street that most affects our River Ridge neighborhood.

Sunset is the most direct route to us to travel safely to the Medical complex, Kerrytown and Campus. The other two options are Huron River Drive/Main Street (which involves a right turn into at a very dangerous intersection of two-lane fast traffic coming off the expressway) or Newport to Miller (which is often backed up on Newport, features a school crossing guard to the right, an island to the left, and bushes on private property that obscure Miller traffic in both directions).

In the 15 years I've driven from River Ridge down Sunset, I've never seen evidence of a "neighborhood." The neighborhoods seem to be to the north and to the south of Sunset. What I do see are a variety of housing units, the City's water treatment facility, a cemetery, access to three City parks, school buses, and the #33 City bus (which I rode regularly until it stopped).

This summer, when I drove on Sunset, I saw no neighborhood activity—no bikes, no families outside. What I did see, upon occasion, were people walking, generally alone, in the road rather than on the sidewalk.

It's very difficult to understand what the City's transportation plan is. Fewer buses, narrower streets, empty and rarely-used bike lanes, and now a place for people to walk in the street? It's time to rethink the plan.

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