

PETITION TO CONSTRUCT A SIDEWALK ON BARTON DR

We, the undersigned Northside residents, urge the City of Ann Arbor to construct a sidewalk along Barton Dr connecting the eight houses opposite the Huron River (between 135 Barton Dr and 221 Barton Dr) and to add a marked crosswalk at either end to make this busy section of the road safer for pedestrians.

Currently, walking along the road and crossing from the residential side of the street to the elevated boardwalk is both difficult and not safe for many reasons, including lack of a shoulder and heavy traffic - cars don't always stop at the intersection at the bottom of the highway ramp and there is no marked pedestrian crossing. This is especially treacherous during rush hour, after dark, and during the winter. It's also not easy to get from the side of the road under the highway bridge onto the actual boardwalk - there's about a 2-foot drop.

There are many benefits to sidewalks, including increased pedestrian safety, greater walkability in the neighborhood, more connected communities, and increased property values. We urge the city to link our neighborhood with the sidewalk system to make it easier to visit neighbors, walk the kids to school, cross the street to take dogs for walks in the park, and bicycle to work.

With the many initiatives underway in the city to make it more pedestrian-friendly, we urge the city to support our request to make our neighborhood more walkable and safer for pedestrians.

Sincerely,

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