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To: City Council <xxxxxxx@a2gov.org>; City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission <xxxxxxx@a2gov.org>
Subject: Brockman sidewalks

Hello, Councilmembers,

I noticed you had a barrage of public comments last night opposing the installation of new sidewalks on Brockman between Packard and Ferdon. One of them even mentioned me! I was the person who brought my children to the community site review earlier this fall, and who pointed out to sidewalk opponents, many of whom had driven there from across town, that Brockman is an important route to multiple schools, and that my own child uses it to get to middle school. Said commenter then yelled at me, "Don't blame the children, the children want trees!" To which I replied, "The children want to walk to school without getting run over."

I hope it's clear to you from the sidewalk gap petitions, the many attendees at the community site review who expressed the need for a sidewalk, and past experience, that most of the people who use Brockman want sidewalks, even some who live in the project area. The sidewalk opponents are not acting in good faith. Their initial objections to the sidewalk included questioning the process that indicated a sidewalk was even necessary. When it became clear to them that wouldn't work, they narrowed in on the trees. Now that staff have found a way to preserve most of the trees, they're worried about their lawns and property values.

We have been through this so many times before. I am begging you to stay strong. Don't let the desires of handful of wealthy old property owners undermine the safety of generations of school kids.

Thank you,
Molly Kleinman
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