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**Subject:** FW: Resurfacing Virginia Ave

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**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 2:15 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Resurfacing Virginia Ave

Adam,

Thank you for contacting the City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission. Your concerns about the resurfacing of Virginia Ave. will be provided as a communication item on the March 16 Commission Agenda, unless the Agenda Packet has already been forward in that case it will be included with the April 20 Transportation Commission Agenda.

Transportation staff are also copied here so that they are also aware of your comments.

Respectfully,

**Eli Cooper, A.I.C.P.**

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*Thank you.*

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**From:** Adam Goodman <XXXXXXXXXX>

**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 9:10 AM

**To:** City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission <[TransportationCommission@a2gov.org](mailto:TransportationCommission@a2gov.org)>; Briggs, Erica <XXXXXXXXXX>; Engineering <XXXXXXXXXX>

**Subject:** Resurfacing Virginia Ave

Hi all,

I noticed on the city's [newly-released dashboard](#) [<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/engineering/pages/construction-projects.aspx>] that a segment of Virginia Ave is on the list scheduled for resurfacing this year. I live a couple blocks away (also on Virginia), and that segment badly needs work, so - for the most part - this is great news!

There's one aspect of this that concerns me a bit, though. Between Liberty and Fair St., Virginia Ave is unusually and unnecessarily wide. We do see some amount of "cut-through" traffic between Liberty and Jackson. In the last few years,

I haven't experienced this as a problem that needs correction - north of Fair, the narrowness of the road (and multiple stop signs) tend to keep things calm. Between Liberty and Fair, I suspect that the currently-awful road conditions may be acting as a sort of de-facto traffic calming of its own. However, once the road is resurfaced, I'm a bit worried that drivers are going to start speeding down that segment at 35mph or so. This would be an unfortunate outcome.

Especially with the recognition that the city's neighborhood traffic calming program is extremely underfunded (in relation to demand), I'm wondering if there's an opportunity to leverage resurfacing projects like this to make safety improvements. For example, it seems like it would actually save the city money - in the long run - to simply narrow this street; we'd have less pavement to maintain and might avoid conditions requiring expensive intervention in the future.

Finally, I'd note that the "bad" section of Virginia really extends from Liberty to Fair, but the plan only shows resurfacing from Liberty to Bemidji. Is there any chance of extending this project another ~100 feet to the north?

Thanks,  
- Adam