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Dear Council Member,

This is in regard to Resolution #24-0348

I support Resolution # 24-0348 sponsored by CM Doug Happel.
I am not in favor of sidewalks.

1. Taxation

-A committee can give a recommendation, ultimately it must be the taxpayers who are involved in the final decisions of taxpayer properties directly impacted by new sidewalks.
-Taxes are extremely high in the city of La Crosse. Prioritize money maintaining and upgrading existing infrastructure.

2. School Closure consideration-Schools are in a state of influx

-Hintgen School is slated to be opened only through the 2024-2025 school year and questionable after that.

3. Environmental

-The City is striving for increase tree canopy cover and reducing impervious surfaces that lead to storm water run-off/flooding, pollution, and summer heat mitigation
-Cutting down mature tree canopy cover, replacing grass and plants that have a 50 year old established moisture absorbing ground cover with impermeable concrete is counter productive

4. Communication

Lack of communication by the City-keep taxpayers informed

-Face-to-face meetings with those taxpayers/properties directly impacted by sidewalks to discuss/address concerns and other options before sidewalks are proposed,

Each city street is unique. Pause the sidewalks.

Thank you,
Benita Socha

