

Craig, Sondra

From: Dylan M <dillbar14@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 11:30 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Cc: Craig, Sondra; Elsen, Nikki
Subject: Improving pedestrian safety should not be a debate

Some people who received this message don't often get email from dillbar14@hotmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

***** CAUTION:** This email originated from an external sender. **DO NOT** click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. *******

Hello council members,

This is regarding item 25-0057

I recently became aware of an attempt to stop further pedestrian safety from being finished in my neighborhood.

This proposed ordinance doesn't focus on the wellbeing of La Crosse 10, 20, 50 years from now. Public right-of-ways include the boulevard, maybe 10 feet or so, on both sides of the road. Homeowners do not own this part of the curb. They shouldn't get a say.

Improving and increasing pedestrian safety should not be a debate- keeping people safe matters. Decisions like this should be left up to safety engineers to make, not selfish homeowners. Sidewalks are common sense, crucial and necessary. Matt Gallagher made that very clear.. they are the only way to keep pedestrians safe!

I invite you to take a walk on the sidewalks that were installed in 2023 and 2024, have a conversation with the people using them, they are often elderly people enjoying the sunshine, families with strollers, children walking to a friends house or your average citizen walking to Starbucks, 7Brew or Aldi. Sidewalks bring communities and people together. I often pass people and say "aren't these new sidewalks great" and they reply with similar phrases.

Just yesterday I saw an elderly woman going for a walk with her walker, enjoying the 60 degree weather. If that sidewalk wouldn't have been poured last fall, do you think she'd be in the street or perhaps stayed home? Sadly, eventually the sidewalk just randomly ended and she had to get down into the dirty street with 25 MPH traffic to her side.

I've attached a picture of a young boy riding his scooter December 2024, on a freshly poured sidewalk, the exact ones that almost weren't allowed to continue last fall. I see the benefits these sidewalks provide on an hourly basis. I'm telling you they are constantly filled with pedestrians.

Please, for the safety of children and everyone else do not allow this ordinance to continue. It would be a huge slap in the face to so many different groups of people, especially people with disabilities who are just trying to enjoy a sunny day like the rest of us.

-Dylan M, 32

