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Dear Council Members,

As a city of La Crosse resident, I would like to express opposition to the resolution to pause or stop the sidewalk infill on 27th, 28th, and 29th Streets.

My experience with these streets is limited as I do not live nearby. I have, however, caught the bus on 28th Street after doing some shopping on Mormon Coulee.

It's my understanding that the idea of the sidewalk infill is to create a more complete network that supports safe and comfortable walking so that at least some trips in the city that are currently made by driving might instead be made by other modes—reducing carbon emissions and improving health. This is why sidewalk infill is included in the Safe Routes to School Plan and the Climate Action Plan.

Waiting for a bus on what feels like somebody's lawn rather than a public right-of-way, or waiting in the street's gutter, doesn't feel particularly comfortable or safe. I did it anyway, because I don't have a car and my bike was in the shop, but the lack of sidewalk probably doesn't help sell the idea of taking the bus to someone who has the option to drive.

It also probably doesn't feel particularly welcoming to someone who uses a wheelchair.

Thank you.

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