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Dear Council Members,

Once again, please vote yes on CM Happel's resolution to pause sidewalks in the Hintgen Neighborhood at this time.

1. We don't think they are needed. Low traffic count in neighborhood* and will not solve the speeding cars at intersections problem.
2. We don't think all options have been explored fully. Traffic calming measures, slower speed limits, yield and stop signs, enforcement. Plus shared street considerations.
3. The sidewalks proposed are not climate friendly. High emissions, impervious materials. Plan requires removal of healthy, mature trees. There are better materials and plans to explore.
4. The money could be better spent elsewhere. Repair existing damaged city sidewalks which are already causing injuries. Update safety infrastructure in higher traffic/higher need areas.
5. Hintgen school may close. We won't know until late fall.

Yesterday, a neighbor and his wife (in a wheelchair) went past my house on a walk. Definitely, safety and ability to navigate for people with disabilities is a priority. Again, sidewalks do not provide safety for anyone in intersections. There are resources for designing shared streets that pay attention to needs of [people with disabilities](#)

Thank you for listening.

Cathy Van Maren
Hintgen neighborhood

*Traffic count samples on 28th at Highland St. (Unfortunately, I accidentally deleted the previous week's counts. 2/22 was the highest.)

Feb. 22 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (about 60 degrees and sunny)

22 going south to north

16 going north to south

2 going e-w or w-e

2 MTU buses, 2 school buses, 1 truck delivering several lawn mowers to a neighbor

1 biking adult, 3 biking kids, 2 kids on scooters, 5 pedestrians, 2 playing kids

Feb. 23 1:10 to 2:10 p.m. (about 40 and cloudy)

14 south to north

15 north to south

0 e-w/w-e

2 MTU

1 pedestrian

Feb. 25 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. (about 50 and sunny)

9 south to north

5 north to south

2 e-w/w-e

1 MTU, 3 kids on bikes/scooters, 12 pedestrians

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