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Councillor Jaye Robinson
Chair, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
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Chair Robinson and Members of Committee,

In late July, my office was contacted by a number of residents on Midland Avenue who were disheartened to learn that, in accordance with City policy, a sidewalk would be constructed on their street in conjunction with area watermain replacements. In this case, while the watermain replacement stretches as far north as Kingston Road, the construction of sidewalks is limited to the west side of Midland Avenue from Fishleigh Drive to Romana Drive.

I have received a petition demonstrating that all thirteen homes on the west side of Midland Avenue from Fishleigh Drive to Romana Drive are opposed to the installation of sidewalks in the currently planned location.

The City policy which dictates the pairing of sidewalk construction with watermain replacement is not being applied evenly to the northern portion of Midland Avenue immediately south of Kingston road - an area currently in need of sidewalks due to sightline issues. I have requested the installation of sidewalks for the northern section of Midland Avenue in the past, and I continue to advocate for their immediate construction.

As stated in the 2002 City Clerk's report on the City-Wide Program for Provision of Essential Sidewalk Links, all proposed deviations from policy should be brought to the Public Works Committee for consideration. I am therefore requesting that the installation of sidewalks on Midland Avenue between Fishleigh Drive and Romana Drive be removed from the planned work for Contract 15ECS-LU-03SU. I am also requesting that the Committee consider relocating the planned sidewalk to the northern portion of Midland Avenue, south of Kingston Road.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Gary Crawford
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