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Could you please make sure the council members are aware of all of the reasons why DBCC is opposing the sound wall? I will not be able to attend the meeting.

1. Voting Method

- 50/50 split
- Neighbors voted no longer live there, several yes votes have changed to no
- Not sending a ballot in was counted as a yes vote

2. Scope Project

- Congestion map indicates need is not significant
- Wall 20 feet historic district impact
- HPC is not in favor of the wall
- Lane benefits those who most likely are not citizens of Saint Paul at the detriment to those that are residents
- Lack of adequate lighting
- Concern around increased crime due to lack of lightning

3. Gateway Corridor Project

- No cross planning
- Gateway project could possible require wall to come down
- 3 year wait in order to revisit project is perfect timing for Gateway funding
- Gateway project would trigger addition vote on sound wall installation per Federal rules

4. MNDOT

- All or nothing approach not realistic
- Precedent for arbitration on other sound wall project in MN (crosstown project, etc.)

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