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From: Mary Barrick <barri014@umn.edu>
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I am a 72 year old widow who has lived at my address for the last 50 years. I don't ever remember getting a separate assessment for street work, especially such a huge one of \$814.50! The notice I received of this possible assessment was both shocking and very disappointing as I was under the impression that it is the job of the public works department to manage their yearly budget, knowing that all streets need to be maintained. This should include an occasional overlay. I have read that public works dollars are sometimes "redirected" to pet projects of the mayor or council and I think this is totally unacceptable. My property taxes are going up every year and it seems astounding to me that basic city services, such as street repair, are not met without special assessments! I truly hope that at your meeting on the 18th you will consider how unfair a large assessment is on top of the ever increasing property taxes we pay.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Barrick
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P.S. It's also wrong and very unfair to charge interest and fees to any part of the assessment that is not paid in full within only 30 days. How in the world do you think people will be able to afford to continue living in this city!?