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Council President Brendmoen and Council Members-

I wish to voice my objection to the excessively high assessment on my property at 1816 Scheffer Ave, estimated at \$4,115.45.

Fairview is a very heavily trafficked avenue, as many businesses and residents use it as a main artery to Highway 5. This cost should be distributed more heavily on the city as a whole, and the RESIDENTS be responsible for a much smaller percentage - suggesting **30% of the current estimate** - given to those of us unfortunate enough to deal with the noise, speeding traffic and general detracting nature of this overused road.

The construction traffic in recent years has been particularly excessive, and the number of 3- and 4- axel trucks flying down Fairview are undoubtedly a big part of the road breakdown. In contracts, neighboring Snelling Ave / Highway 51 is constructed differently - and with state maintenance - to handle these vehicles; however many use Fairview Ave as "shortcut" and this has undoubtedly contributed to the current breakdown.

Additionally, here at the Scheffer corner, we see no benefit from the current proposal of turn lanes, as the turning here will remain the same, and if anything the new "one way only" turns will route even MORE drivers down Scheffer where they can turn both ways. We are not looking forward to this at all, and have considerable safety concerns. We are parents of young children who would like to cross these streets safely for playtime with neighbors and school.

I understand mill and overlay generally is part of good maintenance, however this percentage of the bill is excessive and is unfairly and unevenly weighted to individual residents. It is heavily used by the whole city and therefore should be budgeted differently. **Please reconsider the percentage and LOWER the residential cost per foot.**

Thank you for your consideration.

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