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To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Cc: Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul); Tracy Berglund
Subject: Central Sidewalk Infill Program

I would like to lend my full support toward the completion of the purposed sidewalk improvements now under consideration for the east side of Hersey Street in our community.

I believe these improvements would contribute greatly to the overall safety of all individuals that presently use Hersey Street as a pedestrian corridor assess to University Avenue. This access, in my opinion, will only see increased traffic with the completion of the light rail project now under construction on University Avenue.

As the program manager for a GRH housing facility that accommodates up to 120 persons with disabilities safety is always a concern. Our residents use Hersey Street to University Avenue near exclusively for daily access to public transportation and their coming and going along the present route without a designated walkway, at times, appears to me as an accident waiting to happen, particularly with all the commercial semi tractor trailer activity going on along Hersey Street. The lack of a walkway (sidewalk) is a barrier for our resident that use wheelchairs or other mobility supports.

I appreciate the opportunity to join the conversation regarding this proposal as I believe this to be an important safety issue for our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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