

I am a homeowner who will be affected by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street reconstruction project (file #19169) and am deeply concerned about its cost. The first estimate for this project, received in January, was \$100/foot for both lighting and paving. A second estimate, received in April, was \$140.05/foot, a 40% increase, given without any explanation! You can imagine my shock upon seeing that drastic difference especially since nothing in our current economic climate (neither prices nor wages) has increased by that much. Moreover, the April notice states that this, too, is an estimate, and I am worried that the final costs will again inflate.

I appreciate that these improvements are going to be made in the neighborhood and I urge you to please do everything you can to help keep costs down for this project. As you know, this area has a relatively low median income (just under \$38,000 per Minnesota Compass,) and many are renters who will undoubtedly bear the costs of increased rents due to the assessment for this project. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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