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Subject: Assessment 245508 - Objection to proposed solution for cost sharing
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My name is Gordon F. Goodwin and I am the property owner at 899 Fairview Avenue, Saint Paul MN, 55116.

I've received the notice of proposed assessment for \$2631.20 for the "2023 Mill and Overlay - Fairview Avenue : Randolph to Edgecumb; Removal of the top layer (2") of street and replacing with a new layer of bituminous pavement."

Fairview is a major thoroughfare for the entire metro region. It is used daily by thousands of cars, heavy duty pickup trucks pulling heavy equipment on trailers and tractor trailers that are accessing Saint Paul from County Roads 5, 55 and State Hwy 35 W to reach S. Minneapolis and Saint Paul. It is not principally a residential neighborhood road that is used by passenger vehicles. It is as significant as County Rd 51 (Snelling) for assuring access / egress for thousands of vehicles every day. Fairview is plowed by City of Saint Paul (as is Snelling) to preserve access to and from the metro, a recognition of its regional importance. The proposal to assess only the residential houses located on Fairview for a cost that should be born across the metro inequitably applies a solution to residents. Our cars alone do not create the damage to the road surface that requires replacing, and the benefits of having the road replaced accrue to a significant number of individuals, enterprises and institutions that are not been assessed for this cost. More equitable solutions include:

- designate Fairview a part of the county or state road system to recognize its significance to transportation access and assess the cost to all in the city, county and metro region (Met Council)

If you must proceed with the assessment, please consider:

- offering more favorable terms for payment. Please do not assume that everyone is similarly situated and can be treated "the same" with this solution. Consider charging 0 percent interest and a term of 5 years. This will make it easier for hard-working families and fixed-income retirees to manage the payments. Why does the city need to earn 4.5 percent on the repayment? Surely the city's bonding rate does not require a 4.5 percent rate of return.

- consider closing access to Hwy 5 and route all traffic to St. Paul Avenue and Cleveland, as was done during the construction, to make this more of a local neighborhood road.

Thanks for considering this request.

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