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Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Assessments (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Griggs/Scheffer streets project

Good afternoon. I write today to ask you to reconsider your plans for the Griggs/Scheffer Streets Project. The amount of my proposed assessment was a real gut punch when I opened it. Since that time, our economy has collapsed, putting many citizens of St. Paul in dire financial circumstances. This assessment, layered upon an extremely high property tax burden, is likely the proverbial straw that will break the camel's back for me--if it goes through, I will be looking to leave my cherished house and neighborhood, and I know several retired couples on my block are in the same boat. I would ask that you: A. consider pushing back the project until the economy recovers, B. if option A cannot be achieved, scale back your plans. The proposed improvements represent an ideal fix--but we are not living in an ideal time. Unfortunately, in times such as these, perfect plans must be abandoned for the "good enough." C. If you proceed, look for additional bids. I anticipate labor and materials costs should go down considerably in the economy we are facing.

Thank you for your consideration of this.

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