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To: [*Ci-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)
Cc: [#Ci-StPaul_Ward5](#); council@ci.stpaul
Subject: ADDRESSING SIDEWALK/TREE proposal re Wheelock-Grotto Reconstruction
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Good afternoon, Councilmembers, and Council member for Ward 5, HwaJeong Kim,

I am writing to object to the sidewalk placement and tree removal on the 290-foot **block of Orange Ave W. located between North Victoria and Osage St.**

I hereby state my objection to the installation of a sidewalk AND taking down the trees in this area.

I would like the Council to reconsider this part of the St Paul Sidewalk Plan/proposal...

Amendment Question:

Would you please consider an amendment to the sidewalk proposal under Section 3a and 4 for that (my) unique area of Orange Ave W, [bordering Osage St W and Victoria Ave N] ?

My reasons (8) are that:

- 1 It is possibly the shortest block in all of Como (length 290-feet)
- 2 There is low cost-to-benefit for adding any sidewalk on such a short street.
- 3 There is **only ONE house** that faces the street (845 Orange Ave W) without immediate access to sidewalks.

The other houses only abut Orange, but actually have addresses on:

+Victoria (2 corner properties - 1271 & 1255 Victoria are side-facing to Orange but, front-side is actually on Victoria)

+Osage (2 properties- 1254 & 1258 both are actually on Osage St and already have direct access to existing sidewalk there; only the 'back sides' (garage side) of these properties abut Orange)

+Corner of Orange/Osage property has direct access to existing sidewalk.

4 Poor cost-to-benefit ratio

The sidewalk placement (on this north side) would have a cost in that it takes down 3 well-established, healthy trees in return for minimal benefit to the community. Wasteful. Not climate friendly.

5 The section of street is extremely low-traffic.

6 There are actually only 6 properties abutting this portion of Orange Ave (between Osage & Victoria). The one house (845) that faces the street is only ~ 90 feet from the nearest sidewalk in either direction. All the other 5 properties have direct front-door access to established sidewalks on either Osage or Victoria.

7 This section has stop signs at both ends of the street.

8 This section of Orange dead-ends at Osage St.

I was looking to get more information about the **Public Hearing** to address specific issues regarding the unique characteristics of the short (290-ft) block affecting me. (Orange Ave W between Victoria St N and Osage Ave W) pertaining to the sidewalk/tree issues.

But, I think I have made my points above.. but below, I have provided more specific details if anyone would need to see.

Thank you

For more extensive details — read below line:

+1 The entire length of Orange Ave W, my *specific area, referenced* is **1 short (290') block that dead-ends.**

It also has 2 stop signs. One at Victoria, and one at Osage..... so, it is hardly a racetrack.

This block that affects a total of *ONLY 6 properties directly*

(and really only one property is affected because **the street is actually on the BACKSIDE of 2 houses, (near their garages) and the other 3 houses are side-facing and already have direct sidewalk access from their front doors**

Measurements are for 3 properties affected...this (my) full block measurement is only 290 feet in total length! (potential traffic for 6 households @1 car per household is 6 cars!)

+2 Osage St (where Orange ends at west end) is *itself* only **1 block long in totality** (albeit a much

longer block!!!!)

(There are **24 properties** affected (18 directly)--- - but even **OSAGE is 5 times longer in length (approximately 1,130-1,490 feet in length (?)- with stop signs at both ends)**
(potential traffic impact @ 1 car/household = 24 cars

+3 Orange Ave W (from my part -extending from Osage & ending at Victoria) *the entire length* is if you go East of Victoria is only **3 blks total**— Folsom—>Avon; Avon—>Victoria; Victoria—>Osage!

(guessing with all 3 blks is only 870-900 feet in entire length with stop signs at both ends of all intersections...and dead-ends at both E and W end of segment) (**14** properties/3 blocks/**14 cars**)

[Going from East to west, Orange Ave goes from Eastern-most end - ~~DEAD-END~~-Folsom to--->Avon -->Victoria--- and dead ends at Osage St, on the Western-most end.

+4 Parkview Ave... This is one of the blocks where neighbors are contesting the sidewalks/tree removals --- (as noted in the Pioneer Press and on KSTP).

This block affects directly **28** properties **guessing about 1,490 feet (potential traffic impact assuming 1 car for each resident =28 cars)**

Thank you most respectfully for your consideration.
Elizabeth Kortz
651-489-1135

Written Submission
To the attention of City Clerk

Written or oral statements by any owner will be considered by the City Council either by 1) appearing in person or 2) submitting written objections by US mail to City Clerk, 15 W Kellogg Blvd, 310 City Hall, St Paul MN 55102

Re: Wheelock - Grotto Project

Screenshot 2025-04-01 at 2:50:14 PM Orange Dead End

On Orange Ave West - a block of 190 feet!
between Victoria & Osage St

Sidewalks - Voicing objection to one sidewalk
in one specific area only 190 feet long

The city is committed to making Saint Paul a pedestrian friendly, walkable community for everyone. In February 2017, the Saint Paul City Council adopted a policy of installing sidewalks - where none exist as an integral part of all reconstruction projects.

The project will incorporate sidewalk recommendations from the 2023 Como Park High School and Como Park Elementary Safe Routes to School Plan within the project limits. The plan was developed by Saint Paul Public Schools staff and students along with the City of Saint Paul. It includes recommendations for street improvements near the two schools with the goal of increasing the number of students and families who walk and bike to school. The plan recommends sidewalks where there are none.

The standard placement for sidewalk installation is at the private property line. The city will work around existing trees and infrastructure where possible.

Please accept this written statement to The City Council in objecting to sidewalk/tree removal on 190 foot section of Orange Ave West

on behalf of Elizabeth Kork
845 Orange Ave W
St. Paul, MN 55117

The sidewalk is not needed ^{so therefore} ~~SAVE~~ the trees!

3. Whenever new sidewalks are included in a road construction project, new sidewalk will be constructed on or added to both sides of the street, unless one of the following applies:

- a. The street is a dead end street or cul-de-sac, and has no abutting multi-family buildings, commercial property, park, play ground or transit stops.

Osage Street is one block long; and
Orange Ave is dead ended @ Osage St

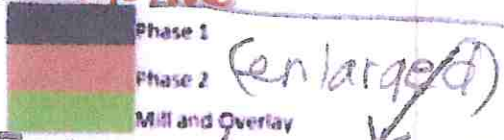
Please present my objections - and note reasons & accept this as my written statement in opposition
Thank You

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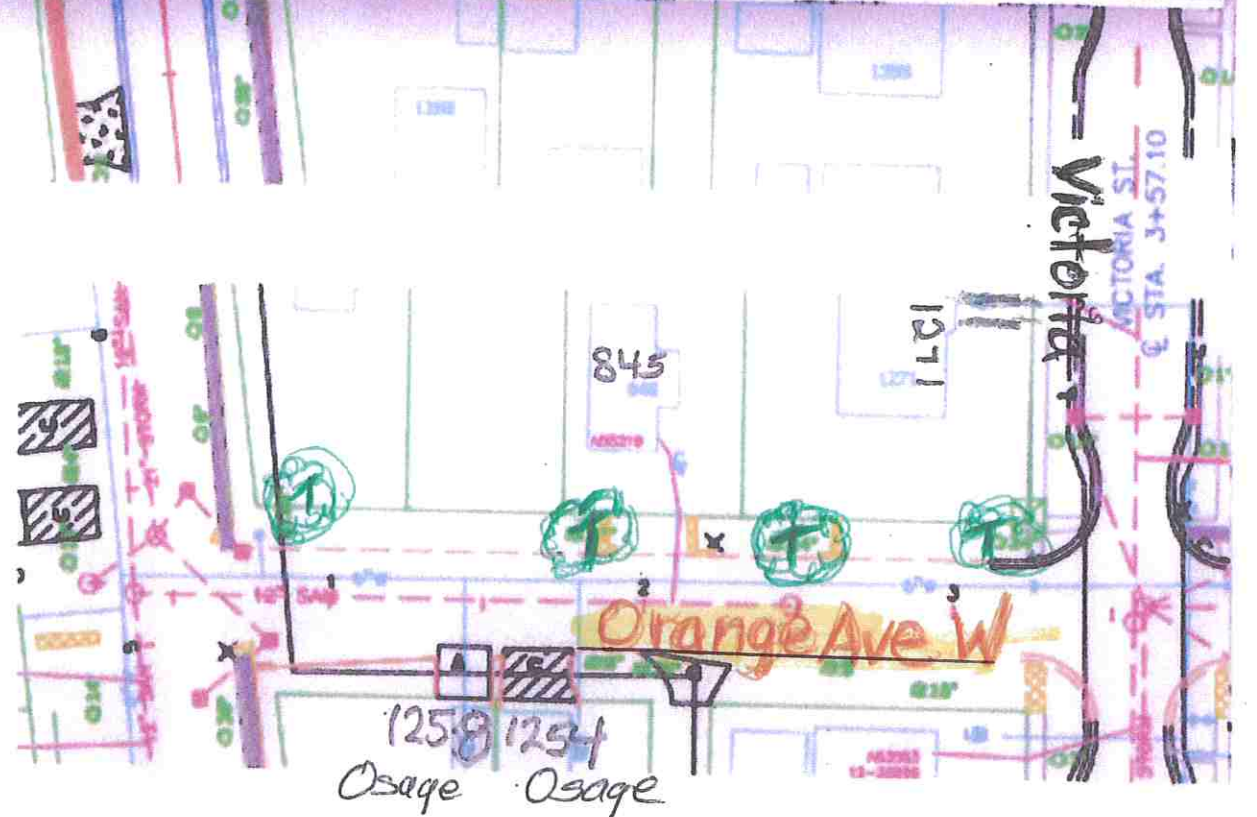
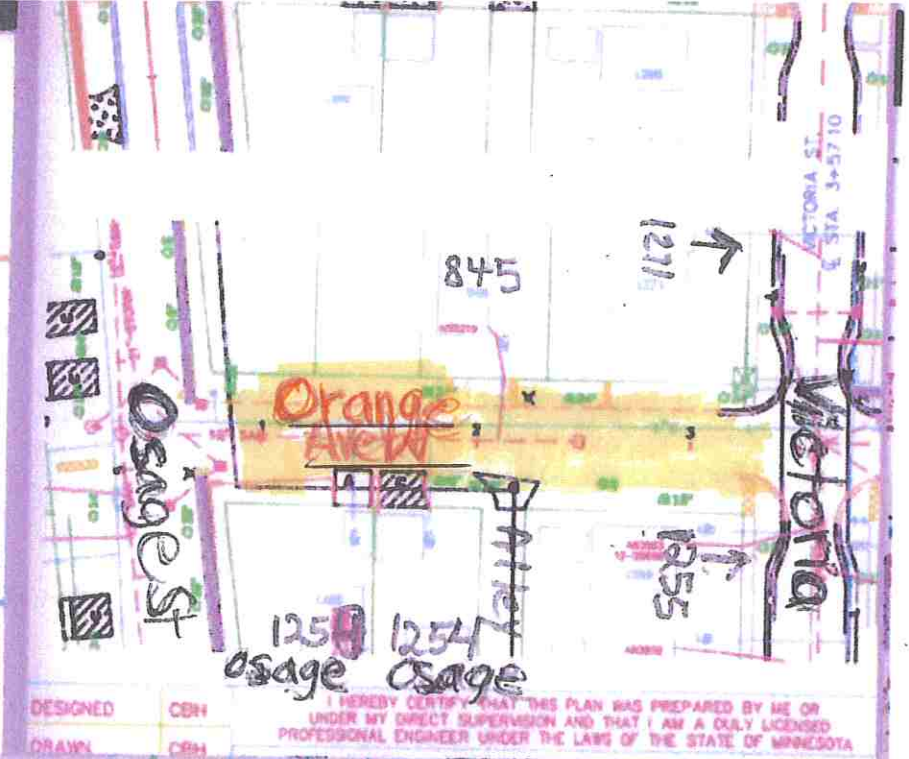
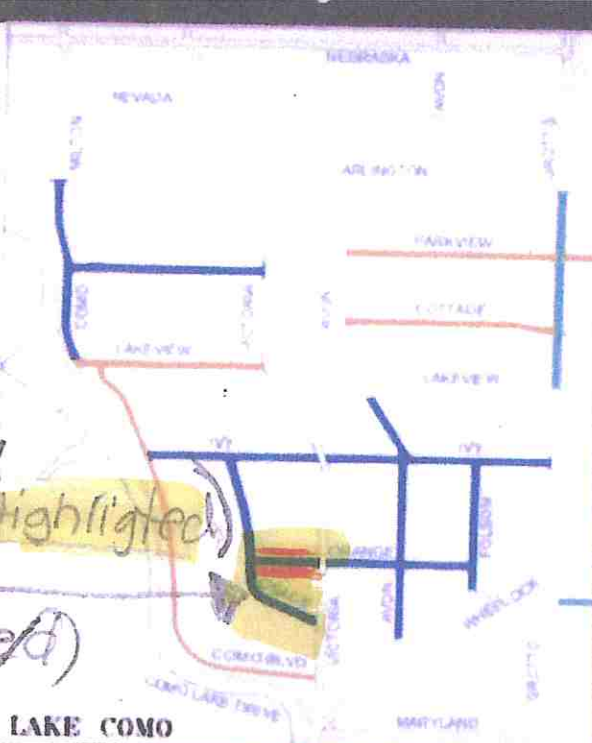
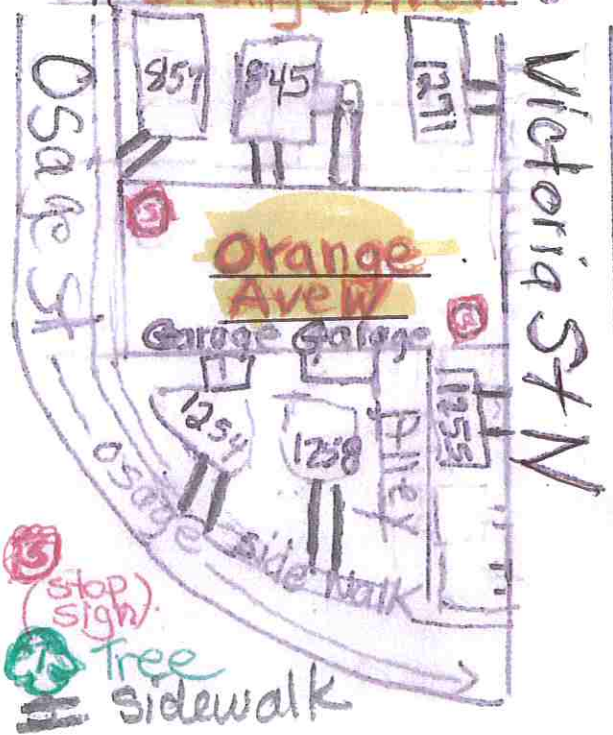
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Orange Ave -
between Victoria
and Osage

Please specifically
reference this block (highlighted)
of **Orange Ave**



Enlarged
Specific Block
on **Orange Ave W**



WHEELLOCK/GROTTO PROJECT SCOPE

Specific RE SIDEWALK ALONG
Pavement, Curb & Gutter,
Sidewalks, Street Lighting and
Tree Planting

Utility upgrades include Sewer
and Water and Private Utilities

[290 ft section]
of
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