

Dear Councilmembers,

Attached please find photos of the Lowertown area in question today, and a map which shows the opening and closings of DT street and skyway level businesses in 2012 (will send you the names and final figures in the next week or so, we did again lose more than we gained).

While I understand and appreciate some of the arguments for the sidewalk widening, I believe in part that at this particular time with Macy's situation and our still fragile business/retail environment, and LRT not yet online nor the baseball park, and the effects the latter two will have on Lowertown parking, traffic flow, etc... it would be prudent to table further discussion on the sidewalk issue until after the ballpark has opened, or give serious consideration to the temporary, seasonal sidewalk concept.

Sincerely yours,
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