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Cc: Moser, Lynn (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Wheelock Parkway Reconstruction, Phase III (2018)

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Nick Peterson, Division Manager
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Re: [2018 Wheelock Parkway](#) Construction
File # 19230
Assessment #185202
Parcel ID # 24-29-23-31-0007

Dear Mr. Peterson:

This letter is to complain about information I recently received from the Saint Paul City Council regarding a proposed assessment of \$10,272 on my property. The letter states that the assessment is to pay for Parkway improvements and for sewer repairs on the property located at [426 Wheelock Parkway West](#). Here are my concerns regarding this matter:

- My address is [402 Arlington Avenue West](#). This is the entrance to my home, my frontage and my only way of access to my home. I do not live on Wheelock Parkway and do not feel that I should be charged for the cost of repairs on Wheelock.

- It is my understanding that if the City of St. Paul needed any portion of a homeowner's land to make walkways and bike paths they would need to compensate homeowners for the use of their land which is private property. I have not received any offer from the city to compensate me for the use of my land. And if it's not my property, why am I being assessed property taxes and assessments on the land? I don't even own a bike. I don't use the walkways either.

· I was aware before the project was proposed that my neighbor at 426 Wheelock was unable to use their sewer as they had discussed that with me. He asked if I were having any problems, to which I answered that I was not having problems of any kind. So it appears that the reason we are getting new sewers is because of the problems with that property. It is not that my sewer system is having problems, it is because the city designed the infrastructure so that it crosses Wheelock towards my property.

· Because of the construction of walkways and bike paths, I will have less privacy and I will feel less secure. This sidewalk will run right up to my back yard! People who want to get to the sidewalk will walk between the front of my house on Arlington to get to the walking paths on Wheelock. I am a single person and feel that this makes my property less safe.

· The letter from the city dated August 27, 2018 referenced the need to sign a letter agreeing to allow the city to work on my property. I did not sign any such agreement or for the proposed Wheelock Phase 3 project.

· Finally as a single homeowner, this assessment causes a hardship. \$10,000 is not a small amount of money. I already pay special assessment taxes and all other property taxes that continue to go up due to city fees, etc. And your offer to spread the cost of the assessment over 20 years will make my mortgage increase and that's another hardship. Why not use city surplus funds to pay for city-wide improvements?

I am writing because I dispute this assessment and as a taxpayer in the city of St. Paul, I hope that this matter is not simply ignored. I expect to hear from someone in your office regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Robbie E. Williams

Cc: Melvin Carter III, Mayor

St. Paul City Council

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