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Dear City Council,

I received notice for the public hearing for ratification of assessment for Phase 2 of the Cretin Avenue repaving project near Bayard Ave.

It is great to have nice streets in the city, and the cost for repaving seems reasonable. But I propose the city should wait with this repaving project for three reasons.

1. I have seen 1000s of heavy trucks pass my home between 2022 and 2025. My house is directly on Cretin, and it shakes quite with each heavy truck. Additional heavy truck traffic in 2026 and beyond will no doubt damage a newly paved Cretin Avenue.
2. The truck weight damages the surface of Cretin, that is clear, but in many places it has damaged the roadbed under the surface. The repaving alone may not be a lasting improvement if the road bed under the surface is damaged. In other words, more work may be required than what is proposed.
3. I suspect that heavy truck traffic has damaged sewer lines underground, too. Most residents near Cretin have had their sewer lines repaired. I wonder if the city is aware of potential truck damage to infrastructure under Cretin. If underground repairs are required, wouldn't it be best to do those before repaving Cretin?

Since Highland Bridge construction did the damage to Cretin Avenue, it would be great to see Highland Bridge residents help pay the special assessment for its repair. I believe Highland Park residents had a special assessment for repaving of Cretin in 2019, and for them to be reassessed so soon seems unfair.

So, I appreciate the idea of repaving our beloved Cretin Avenue, but please hold off on the project until the heavy truck traffic from Highland Bridge has stopped and further infrastructure damage underground has been evaluated.

Thank you.

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