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## 93rd Improvements special meeting

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Hi Paul,

First, thank you for stating that your point of view about the 93rd improvements that you would not want to obtain houses unless residents were willing to sell. That is great to hear. I am emailing you directly as you are my ward representative. I have cc'd Beth Hernandez and Craig Phillips, so they are aware of my input on the 93rd improvements.

My specific concern is related to how these changes affect my house at 10980 W 93rd Ave (Historic Kammers Post office and Saloon)

1. I currently have only 6ft of space between the front of my house and the curb. If I were to lose any more space to an on-the-road bike lane, I would barely be able to walk in front of my house safely. The right of way in front of my house is only 0.8ft, which is just too close. I would however support an off-the-road bike lane / walking path. However, I feel the south side of the road would be a better location for an off-the-road bike lane / walking path.
2. The next concern would be with the expansion of the road to support an on-the-road bike lane. A car accident would possibly come into the front of my house because the road is now closer to my house. I would like to ensure the safety of my family and preserve the historical nature of my house.
3. The final concern would be the increased speed limit to 30mph. People already speed through 93rd in front of my house. Adding the additional speed adds even more road noise to an already noisy road. I understand the need to move people through the area, but not at the cost of the residents health and safety. The addition of a curb to the front of my house would be a welcome addition as it would pull water away from my house and my parking pad. The only concern I have would be the loss of use of the parking pad because of the curb. I am confident that would be addressed if the curbs were put in place.

I support an off-the-road bike lane and a functioning side walk because they are needed on 93rd ave, but would prefer it on the south side where the property is owned by the city. I do not support an on-the-road bike path that would expand the road closer to my house. If a bike lane or expansion is required, I would suggest taking it from the side of the road that the city owns (south side where the curb needs to be improved already) and not the north side where the residents are located. If the bike lane has to be an on-the-road path, my recommendation would be a dual protected bike lane on the south side of the road, similar to what is done in the larger cities (see attached image). Suburban cities often incorporate an off-the-road bike / walking path, which might be an even better solution.

Thank you for noting these concerns!

Chris O'Hara



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