

From: [Wendy Webb](#)
To: [Council Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding request, resurfacing 46XX 15th Ave S, Northrop
Date: Friday, March 27, 2026 1:27:58 PM

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Hi,

I'm Wendy Webb, a homeowner at 4601 15th Avenue South, Mpls 55407.

I'm writing because I'm OPPOSED to the funding request on the table for the Northrop neighborhood road repair.

My property taxes are already through the roof. A \$1400-plus increase is an enormous financial hardship that is patently unfair to impose on people who are struggling in a difficult and uncertain economy. It's more than obtuse of you to even suggest it.

Gas and groceries are ridiculously expensive right now, wide swaths of our city are still in hiding and can't afford rent or food, many of us are donating what we can to help — and NOW you come with a proposed assessment to the tune of more than \$100 per month for homeowners?!

READ THE ROOM, COUNCILMEMBERS.

We already pay very high property taxes. You can't keep going to the well for more. I suggest funneling some of the funds you're using to create bike lanes and streets like Bryant optimized for bikes which FEW people use, especially not in our six months of winter, and use that money to fix the streets we ALL use.

Sincerely,
Wendy Webb
4601 15th Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55407

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From: [Paula Marrs](#)
To: [Council Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Objection to Special Assessment – Northrop Residential Resurfacing Project
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2026 11:21:08 AM
Importance: High

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To the Minneapolis City Council and Climate & Infrastructure Committee,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed special assessment of \$1,738.95 for the Northrop Residential Resurfacing Project associated with my property at 4853 13th Ave S.

While I understand the importance of maintaining public infrastructure, I have concerns regarding both the fairness and the impact of this assessment:

1. Financial Burden

The proposed assessment represents a significant and unexpected cost. For many homeowners, including myself, this creates a financial strain, particularly given rising property taxes and general cost-of-living increases.

2. Question of Benefit

It is not clear that the resurfacing project will provide a direct or proportionate benefit to my specific property that justifies the assessed amount. I would request further clarification on how the benefit was calculated and allocated among properties.

3. Equity Concerns

Special assessments of this nature can disproportionately affect homeowners on fixed or moderate incomes. I encourage the city to consider alternative funding mechanisms that distribute costs more equitably across the broader tax base.

4. Transparency and Alternatives

I would appreciate more transparency regarding:

- How the total project cost was determined
- How individual assessments were calculated
- Whether less costly alternatives were considered

Given these concerns, I respectfully request that the city reconsider or reduce the proposed assessment or explore alternative funding options.

Thank you for your consideration of this objection.

Sincerely,
Paula Marrs & Blake Flatoff
4853 13th Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55417

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From: [Bryn Flohrschutz Peterson](#)
To: [Council Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Objection to Special Assessments Fund for Northrop Residential Resurfacing Project
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 9:22:47 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing to state my objection to the Special Assessment for the Northrop Residential Resurfacing Project.

As I am a shift worker, I am not able to attend the April 16, 2026 hearing as it is in the middle of the day.

We have lived at this location for the past 7 years, and have seen our property taxes increase significantly each year. The latest 2027 evaluation shows the largest increase so far, and this ask for special assessment on the heels of that feels insulting.

Because of choices and actions of our federal government, we have seen prices of necessities skyrocket, and jobs being eliminated. Our family has felt this affect keenly, and the request for more money both as special assessment and in taxes is too much for us to bear.

We love living in Minneapolis, and we love that we can see our tax dollars being used for public improvements such as bus stops, pedestrian and bike ways, stop light and round about creation, and street sweeping and plowing. I do believe our streets need some TLC in this neighborhood, but I would like to see the increase in taxes pay for that, not an additional special assessment. It's too much to ask of your residents, who are still reeling from COVID, George Floyd/Lake St riots & ICE tirades. We need a reprieve from the daily inundation of higher federal taxes, higher gas, higher groceries, and job uncertainty. This area of South Minneapolis is full of working-class people, families. We don't have a spare \$1400 to give to the city on top of the \$6000 property taxes we pay each year.

Please find the funding elsewhere to complete this project. We cannot give anymore at this time, and it's unjust for the city to ask that of us, when we're giving all we have to our neighbors in need, keeping our communities together by the skin of our teeth.

Thank you.

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-Bryn

Bryn Peterson, CPPM PMP

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Waldegerma, Michael

From: Sean Merrell <sean.merrell@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2026 12:55 PM
To: Council Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Formal Objection to Proposed Street Resurfacing Special Assessment

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Re: Northrop Residential Resurfacing Project – Proposed Special Assessment

Dear Members of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and Public Works Staff,

My wife and I are writing as homeowners and longstanding residents of Minneapolis to formally object to the proposed special assessment associated with the Northrop Residential Resurfacing Project, specifically the assessment of approximately **\$1,371.33** levied against our property at **4627 15th Avenue South**.

We want to be very clear: we fully support proper maintenance of city infrastructure. We believe street resurfacing should occur on a routine, planned cycle, and we acknowledge that many of the streets in our neighborhood are approaching that need. However, that reality does not justify shifting additional financial burden onto individual residents through special assessments.

As residents of Minneapolis, we already pay an extremely high tax rate, which is justified and promoted by the City as funding core municipal services—including street maintenance and infrastructure improvements. It is unreasonable and inequitable to ask homeowners to pay again for work that falls squarely within the City's basic responsibilities and is already accounted for in existing tax revenues.

Street resurfacing is not an optional enhancement or a luxury improvement; it is fundamental infrastructure maintenance. Funding these projects through special assessments undermines the purpose of property taxes, disproportionately impacts neighborhoods, and places an unexpected financial strain on residents who have budgeted responsibly under the assumption that essential services are covered by the taxes they already pay.

We strongly oppose any scenario in which residents are forced to absorb additional costs for projects of this nature. If Minneapolis intends to maintain safe, functional roadways—and it should—that work must be funded through the City's established revenue streams, not by imposing one time charges on households.

We urge the City Council and the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee to **reject the proposed special assessments** for this project and to reaffirm that routine street resurfacing is a core municipal obligation, not a homeowner surcharge.

Thank you for considering this objection and for including it in the official record. We

expect the city to uphold the principle that residents should not be double charged for essential public infrastructure.

Sincerely,
Sean Merrell
Andrea Merrell
4627 15th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55407

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Waldegerma, Michael

From: Darren Selberg <selbyq@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2026 10:28 AM
To: Council Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] public hearing regarding cost assessment to resurface our street

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So, every year we get hit with property tax increase after property tax increase.

Our property taxes are the highest in the state, meanwhile our council wastes it's time debating things that have nothing to do with our city, things like resolutions on Cuba that they can realistically do nothing about.

And now, you want to charge me to resurface my street. My street, which is heavily beat up because of inadequate snow removal and bus traffic due to other street closures. Meanwhile the city pays out millions in wrongful death settlements because of aggressive and untrained police, and now will spend millions more to bail out businesses impacted by ICE.

HELL NO! If you can do all that, you can repave my street without charging me. And frankly our alley needs repaving far more than our street does.

If you keep up this pace - more and more people are going to leave the city. Many did after COVID, many more because of teacher strikes at our schools. Our City is fiscally mismanaged and if it keeps up I will be joining the many that have already left. We are in a downward spiral, so you better figure out a way to get businesses back downtown and paying property taxes so you can stop gouging the residents or soon there won't be much left.

Darren Selberg
Elliot Ave
Minneapolis

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Bryn Peterson
4651 15th Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Minneapolis City Clerk's Office
Care Of C&I Committee Coordinator
350 S Fifth St, Room 312
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1382

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C/O C&I Committee Coordinator
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4627 15th Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55407

Waldegerma, Michael

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Objection to Proposed Assessment

-----Original Message-----

From: Wardwell Johnson <wmlj@me.com>

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2026 6:01 PM

To: Wolf, Hazel (she/her/hers) <hazel.wolf@minneapolismn.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Objection to Proposed Assessment

Hello,

I received a notice in the mail related to my parcel ID 14-028-24-13-0111 stating that I am being assessed \$709.62 due to a resurfacing project on my street.

I am writing to object to this assessment on the basis that my street is not in the project location.

Can I appeal simply by sending a letter to the city clerk's office? Or do I need to file an appeal in person?

Thank you!

Wardwell Johnson

4912 13th Ave S

Minneapolis, MN 55417

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Waldegerma, Michael

From: Wolf, Hazel (she/her/hers)
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 7:48 AM
To: Jan Highland; Council Comment
Cc: PW Special Assessments
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Street Resurfacing concerns!

Good Morning Ms Highland and thank you for the email.

The clerks office will register your objection.

I did want to make sure you knew that you may be able to defer your assessment if your property is homesteaded since you are over 65 years of age. If you are interested in more information about that you can call or email the Special Assessments Office, cc'ed here, and they can get you more information.

Thank you and take care

Hazel Wolf | Supervisor Engineering Tech II | *City of Minneapolis*

PW - Paving Construction | 1901 E 26th St | Minneapolis, MN 55404

Pronouns: she/her/hers

C) 612.772.2524



From: Jan Highland <janok52@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 7:18 PM
To: Council Comment <councilcomment@minneapolismn.gov>; Wolf, Hazel (she/her/hers) <hazel.wolf@minneapolismn.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Street Resurfacing concerns!

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April 11, 2026

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to object to the resurfacing of 46th street E.

I was forced to retire as of June of 2021 after 21 years because of budget concerns.

1. These are my personal concerns for you to be aware of: I am currently 73 years old living totally on
2. Social security
3. Paying a mortgage, monthly, utility bills, life insurance premiums
4. Home owners and car Insurance

5. Medical bills and prescriptions

6. Lived in this home for 45 years and the traffic on this street is very minimal.

7. The only traffic we get is in early October when the Twins City Marathon is in our area.

I hope you will consider that these certain hardship criteria should apply.

Cordially, Janet K. Highland

janok52@gmail.com

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