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Subject: Objection to assessment for Fairview Avenue File #M02308
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Council President Brendmoen and Council Members,

I cannot attend the July 26 council hearing due to a work commitment, but I wish to voice my objection to the assessment on my property at 1822 Highland Parkway, estimated at \$5,124.90.

Fairview is a heavily trafficked arterial street that accommodates regional traffic based on its direct connection to Minnesota Hwy 5 and indirect connection to MN-62 and I-494. Adjacent to my property, Fairview handles 12,900 vehicles per day according to 2017 MnDOT Traffic Mapping data. This is higher traffic volume than the 3 nearest segments of County State Aid Highways (Ford Parkway/CSAH 42, Cleveland Avenue/CSAH 38, and Randolph Avenue/CSAH 42). Fairview is not a typical city street handling local traffic, it is a primary north-south gateway for Saint Paul.

Fairview is a source of constant noise, pollution, and fear due to unmitigated dangerous driving. Where it exists at all, the curbside sidewalk accumulates snow from every passing plow and requires my repeated clearing to keep it passable for pedestrians. I love my house and community, but Fairview itself is the single largest detractor from my property's value and my family's quality of life in Saint Paul. Rebuilding and maintaining heavily trafficked arterial streets like Fairview confers no special benefit to my property. It is useful to the whole city and the cost should be borne by the whole city, not the properties most negatively affected by the street.

Thank you for your consideration,
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