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Robert Simons
Public Works Engineering Division
City of Bloomington
1800 W. Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431-9892

Dear Mr. Simons,

At the informational meeting on October 27th and the public hearing on November 3rd we were lead to believe that citizen input could change your proposal for the 2015 -101 PMP concerning Fremont Avenue. Several concerned individuals worked together to get neighborhood reactions and the results were mixed but the overwhelming majority were of the opinion that Fremont Avenue was not in bad condition and the expense and disruption of reconstruction was not necessary. The complaints voiced by the neighbors concerning traffic, speed of vehicles and use of Fremont as an alternate route to 35W during backups will not be improved by a new roadway.

At the public hearing I brought up a concern that the plan for Fremont was silent about modern street and environmental design as regards issues for traffic calming design, pedestrian and bicycle safety design, storm water management and environmental design.

The plan as I and others see it is to tear up a viable road surface that could be maintained for many years, if not forever, by continuing to do repairs and seal coat on an as needed basis.

Christ the King Lutheran Church has done what it can to reduce our impact on the storm water into the *Nine Mile Creek Watershed*. It has done what it can to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. It has tried to be a good neighbor and accommodate our vehicle traffic with minimal impact on the neighbors. To assess the church over \$43,000.00 for a new street which offers no improvements to the church, to the neighbors, to the walkers, bikers, motoring public or to the storm water quality going into the watershed seems to be a misuse of our and our neighbor's limited funds.

If you wish to discuss these issues you could contact me at (651) 776-7018. Please see that our concerns are addressed at the public hearing on December 1, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan P. Gasterland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Jan Gasterland

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Council Vice President