

Members of the Civic Works Committee:

Good day

My Name is Shawn Connolly.

I would like to express my opposition to the sidewalk installations in the Sherwood Forest neighbourhood.

We have a son who is in a wheelchair and installing sidewalks is not the answer to accessibility.

Sure they may sound like a great idea but I try to avoid them at all cost.

I have had to replace numerous sheared bolts on his front tires from hitting uneven pads or the interlocking brick sidewalks.

Winter time it's impossible as they aren't maintained for a wheelchair at all.

Walking on the road is the only option available for us even with the snow.

Only places in the neighbourhood there are no issues are directly in front of the schools.

Noah (my son) and I put a lot of kilometres walking around wether in our neighbourhood or elsewhere and sure accessibility is a big issue but if you are not in a chair or pushing someone around I find its hard for others to comprehend.

My solution is simple

Reduce traffic speed to 40km/hr

Remember you share the road.

Just because we don't have sidewalks doesn't mean we need them.

Thanks for your time

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