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I just read the proposed item 298-24, amending MCC Title 11, Chapter 08, Section 010 - Procedure for repair or alteration of streets.

I understand the want to make sure that everyone is heard and included but this is the wrong way to do it.

Mandating rigid community outreach to remove any on street parking or "impact the flow of traffic" (are pedestrians and bikes and buses traffic, or just cars?), or "reduce travel capacity in any way" (So slightly slower cars but faster buses bikes and pedestrians is bad?). This is not in line with our Complete Streets initiative, and will make complete streets much harder to create. The mandatory proposed meetings are often anti-democratic, we had 7856 votes last municipal election compared to the at best dozens of responses you receive in a meeting. I and most other people live busy lives - we vote for politicians to do things! If we don't like what they do then we vote them out. Very few people have the time and energy to go to lots of meetings.

I want to be generous and not think that any councilor would prioritize cars at the expense of everyone else and is unintentionally proposing process that would only serve to keep our status quo. But actions speak louder than words or intentions, and a vote for item 298-24 would be a vote to keep the same roads that allowed a car to kill Mary McTaggart standing on the sidewalk. We deserve better.

Don't create more mandatory process that will make it even hard to have the complete streets we voted for.

Thank you,  
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