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Subject: Sidewalks

Dan,

My wife and I recently moved to Georgetown Township from Grandville for the schools and low taxes. We love this community that has potential for great access to the parks that surround our home. The only barrier we have is our house was built a couple of years before the sidewalk ordinance went into effect. So sidewalks start and stop throughout our neighborhood. Some of the roads that don't have sidewalks are really busy and on a hill. The neighborhood bus stop is around the corner and up the hill. There are no sidewalks to get to them. The neighborhood children are then required to walk on the road. According to Operations Superintendent Ryan Kempainen at the Road Commission, the roads are meant for cars, not walking and recreation. When I spoke to the bus garage, they will not move the stop because there are sidewalks in the neighborhood. So we are stuck having our children walk in the icy roads in the dark to get to their bus stop. Meanwhile, cars are coming from both directions, almost hitting the children. Can you look into putting in sidewalks at least on one side of the street? I think it's reasonable to prioritize the safety of our children and safety in this community. I think it would be possible to not put a special assessment on the home that the sidewalks are installed as the sidewalks are a public benefit to the community. Maybe there are state and federal grant opportunities available? I would be happy to be a part of this discussion moving forward. I have enclosed a couple of pictures. I marked in yellow the areas in our neighborhood that do not have sidewalks.

Thank you for your time,
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