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Subject: Note on Pathways - please forward to Trustees

Hello Dave,

I am excited to hear that an Ad Hoc Pathway Committee has been created. I am excited for next steps for the committee to make the vision of a safe, walkable Elm Grove become a reality.

I fully support creation of a transportation utility. As you know, our roads are a ticking timebomb and additional funds are needed to support repair before more substantial and expensive repairs are needed.

I urge the trustees to make **pedestrian walkability** and safety a priority in upcoming discussions on creating a transportation utility. Funds promised to pathway construction continually get redirected elsewhere; as a citizen that is frustrating. I understand the need for a balanced budget, and with the proposed transportation utility, we can balance roads budgets while giving pedestrians the same respect we give to automobiles by providing continual and dedicated funding to pathways. Let's not wait for a tragedy to happen on one of the identified high priority streets (Gebhardt, Highland, Gremoor, and Hollyhock) before we make this a reality.

In the event that funds are still limited, I encourage a stepwise approach where pathways are built a block at a time. For example, Gremoor and Hollyhock could start at the blocks nearest Tonawanda, which would still be a vast improvement over the current situation. I look forward to construction in my lawn for this exact purpose.

The priority pathways identified by the Ad Hoc committee only comprise 3.3 miles of path and would greatly increase the livability and safety of our wonderful community.

I would appreciate this being forwarded to all of the trustees.

Respectfully,
Brian Smith
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