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Dear Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Wallace,

We write to provide you additional comment in response to the City/Consultant's team "decisions trees" as noted in your May 19th meeting minutes and your June 7th correspondence. Your May 19th notes indicate general support amongst the institutional stakeholders for a 38ft east side buffer and the City's willingness to provide such a buffer.

We understand the City/Consultant team is moving towards a Selected Design that depicts the following widths:

10' West sidewalk including any plantings
25' Southbound roadways (for bikes, buses, and cars)
24' Dividing median
25' Northbound roadways (for bikes, buses and cars)
22'.6" Eastside buffering median
16' East service drive roadway
10' East sidewalk including any plantings

We would fully endorse such a schematic.

As you know the east side buffer is the only thing that keeps moving traffic away from our homes and valuable properties. It is critical not only to the value of the City's Charles Street homeownership, but the quality of life of the thousands of citizens who live, work, and play on this side of the street.

Unfortunately, we were unable to attend the Public Meeting on June 24th, but understand similar comments regarding the need to keep the western curb line of the east service median was clearly voiced by many.

This is a clear message. The east side where residences and businesses exist must continue to be protected from moving traffic and any reduction of the existing buffers is not acceptable.

We again ask that you do not reduce the east side buffering median, maintaining the west curb line of this median. Thank you for respecting and considering the needs of tax-paying City owners and residents such as us.

You may consider these comments in the public domain. Please forward these comments to others on the City and Consultant team.

Sincerely,

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