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Dear City Council Members,

This letter is to request that the new sidewalk design for 5th Ave NE be revised to save healthy mature trees. To that end, I also request that the contract with Rodart Construction to build the current design is removed from the consent calendar.

I fully support sidewalks and the need to accommodate all the sidewalk users, especially those with disabilities. However, the removal of 17 trees in good condition is a tragedy given our current climate crisis. The trees slated for removal include two heritage Western Red Cedars, one 46" diameter and another 36" diameter, which were noted in the arborist report with a comment that efforts should be made to retain these trees.

I previously wrote to Laura Reiter and asked specifically about the cedars and was told that a design alternative was considered but will not work. She did not indicate if any other ideas were considered. Other alternatives need to be considered; city staff and designers need to be flexible and creative. There are examples and resources out there (think of the WSDOT sidewalk along Dayton). We can save trees and have sidewalks that accommodate all.

Thank you.

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