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Dear Council Members,

When my family and I moved out of our Scaggsville neighborhood ten years ago, our primary criteria for a new home was the walk-ability of the neighborhood. We looked for a home that would allow us and our children to walk easily and safely to shops and restaurants, as well as have access to long, contiguous paths for leisure walking. We narrowed our search based on some other factors and ended up in Maple Lawn, where we enjoy walking to the restaurants, shops and services within the Maple Lawn Business District as well as my spouse's workplace there, to the schools our children attend, to the kids' extracurricular activities both at the school and within the community, to our community amenities such as the pool and playgrounds, and through the minor system of paths through community open space.

It is about a mile by foot from my door to the grocery store, which is also true about my former Scaggsville home and it's closest grocery store. However, the walking experience along that Scaggsville route has only grown more dangerous as automobile traffic has increased due to the increase in home construction along the way. I see that a prior pedestrian plan marked the Scaggsville area for sidewalk projects, yet the area's walking infrastructure remains the same as it was when I moved there 17 years ago, with the exception of the construction of the re-aligned Rt. 216 and it's sidewalks. That exception, those sidewalks on Rt. 216, are disconnected from many of the neighborhoods both north and especially south of the highway.

This doesn't have to remain the case, and it really shouldn't. Please adopt CR14-2020 approving WalkHoward and support its recommendations through funding its identified projects as quickly as possible. Prioritize these investments in our county's livability much higher than they have been over the last many years.

Thank you,
Lisa Schlossnagle