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re: Item 2c

Dear Mayor Mei and Councilmembers:

As the City works to improve the intersections along the main roads, the sidewalks leading to and away from the intersections need to be repaired/added. Putting in the large corner sidewalks helps get people across the intersections. How do pedestrians get there though? I walked to the Fremont/Mowry intersection when news was released that the work would begin, Tonight you are deciding about the Fremont Bl/Country Dr intersection improvements. The sidewalks along Fremont Bl north of the intersection with Mowry Ave are in terrible shape. On the west side (southbound), beginning just across from the Washington High School main entrance all the way to Mowry, the sidewalk is cracked, lifted, blocked by overgrown ivy, or missing. On the east side, there are raised spots from adjacent trees and other cracks at locations all the way from Mowry to Centerville Jr High and beyond.

In the words of the City, the goal is "to improve mobility for all ages and abilities", meaning not just for teenagers going to and from school, or to the Hub for lunch. The sidewalks should be safe and usable for parents pushing babies in strollers and for our elderly population that may be unsure on their feet and/or using a walker.

I sent a note to three members of the Traffic Engineering Department weeks ago asking about this issue, unfortunately not one person responded. Therefore I'm coming to the Council to find out what the plans and timing are for the sidewalks beyond the intersections. Painting stripes on the pavement for bicyclists are only one way to make the streets accessible for the people of Fremont.

Following the encouragement of the City, I am walking to many more locations in town, and see neighbors out on foot also. Please make the sidewalks safe and complete for everybody to use them. Include the locations listed above in the intersection work being done now and on tonight's agenda. It's not good if the sidewalks are broken or missing on the way to the intersections.

Thank you,  
Laura Winter