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I'm disappointed my email was not received yesterday.

I followed the instructions on this website:

<https://www.farmersbranchtx.gov/1328/IH-35E-Corridor-Vision-Study>

Glad I also attended the meeting or my comment would probably have never been heard.

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From: Natalie Lundsteen [REDACTED]
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hi -

I live within the area of the corridor vision study. I'm excited about the plan, but an issue I have consistently asked about (and not been given a very satisfactory answer) is about *how* the 'walkability' is going to be implemented, specifically for sidewalks, and where the budget will come from to cover this very important facet of the plan.

I would like to see the city make a plan and take responsibility for sidewalks within the study area.

I have lived in Farmers Branch 2.5 years, and over this time, in conversation with my City Councilperson, and in discussions I have observed in Planning & Zoning Commission meetings, I have learned that rarely does the City of Farmers Branch build or repair sidewalks, that this responsibility is for developers or tenants to manage for the area in front of their property.

This is problematic already, because in my immediate residential community off Bee Street and Valley View there are some sidewalks but many places without, and in the area adjacent to the new Starbucks/Chipotle retail on Valley View there are new sidewalks in front of the new businesses but no development of walkability/sidewalks to get to that location. One of the businesses adjacent to Starbucks/Chipotle (tire shop) has no incentive or responsibility for sidewalks and it could be years before they sell or redevelop. I have also observed new developers sidestep city requirements for sidewalks (Rose Creek Townhomes, for example).

So my concern is that the buck is going to be passed and responsibility shifted for sidewalks when the I35 developments start happening.

(I'll be attending the meeting this evening via Zoom and am happy to share my comments directly.)

Kind regards,

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