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To: Infrastructure Committee
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Subject: Essex Street Paved Shoulder
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On May 13, 2014 I recommended to the infrastructure committee that we not widen three streets as planned as part of our FY 15 paving program. The 3 streets were outer Ohio Street, Davis Road between Union Street and Ohio Street and outer Essex Street. The estimated savings by not widening these three streets was \$350,000. The Infrastructure Committee approved my recommendation. Ohio Street and Davis Road have been paved and Essex Street has been shimmed with the surface layer to be applied in the spring.

A group of residents have requested we reconsider this decision and widen outer Essex Street. Since Essex Street has only been shimmed it is possible to accommodate this request. Before the surface layer is applied, staff recommends we mill and pave a seven foot wide strip on edge of pavement and shoulder of the inbound lane. This will create a 2-3 foot wide paved shoulder for pedestrians and bicycles on the inbound lane. The additional cost for this is estimated to be \$72,432. The residents making this request will be invited to this meeting and I will be at the IC meeting to answer any questions you may have.