

April 16, 2026

Roosevelt Street Neighborhood's Petition to the City of Appleton's Proposed Roosevelt Street Construction

To The Municipal Services Committee of the Common Council:

Background: As the second-narrowest street in the City of Appleton, the street currently experiences significant operational constraints. Existing one-sided parking and efforts to maximize available space have resulted in frequent bumper-to-bumper congestion, particularly during the peak summer season when demand increases due to overflow parking from Erb Pool and associated swim meets. Residents routinely encounter difficulty maneuvering vehicles in and out of driveways, with some instances limiting the ability to access or exit private property. While engineering assessments indicate that a reduced roadway width may not substantially affect conditions during winter and spring months, the analysis does not adequately address impacts during the neighborhood's highest-demand period—the summer season.

Petition Statement: We, the undersigned, petition the City of Appleton's Municipal Services Committee of the Common Council, to use direct allocated funding toward sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and water main upgrades, while respecting neighborhood input by refraining from roadway shortening and maintaining current parking conditions in the off-season, with seasonal adjustments to parking management during the summer peak period.

Reasons for Signing:

1. **Safety Concerns:** Beyond individual inconvenience, the existing roadway conditions present broader safety risks. During peak periods, school buses and standard vehicles already experience difficulty passing without encroaching into opposing lanes. This constraint can result in vehicles backing onto heavily trafficked streets such as Morrison Street and Oneida Street, creating additional conflict points. Further roadway narrowing would likely exacerbate these conditions, increasing the potential for congestion-related incidents and collisions.
2. **Winter Maintenance:** Roosevelt Street is currently a lower-priority route for snow removal operations. During winter months, accumulated snow further reduces the effective drivable width, limiting the ability to safely accommodate two-way traffic. Additional roadway narrowing would compound these challenges, increasing the risk of vehicle obstruction and reduced mobility during snow events.
3. **Emergency Services Access:** The street serves an important function for emergency response access. Given the existing spatial constraints—particularly during winter conditions—it is unclear how emergency vehicles would reliably navigate the street if further narrowed. As noted during the April 6 meeting, Mr. Lom indicated that narrower road widths, existing parking constraints, and suboptimal snow removal conditions may further limit the ability of service and emergency vehicles to effectively access the neighborhood. Any reduction in accessibility could contribute to delayed response times, which may have critical public safety implications—potentially making the difference when every second counts.

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