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To: Board of Public Works
From: Johnathan Licitra, Sidewalk Program Manager
Date: 31 March 2021
Re: Environmental Review for 300 Fall Creek Dr. & 400 Oak Ave.
Sidewalk Projects

Please find enclosed for your consideration:

1. A resolution to declare lead agency for the environmental review of the 400 Oak Ave. and 300 Fall Creek Dr. Sidewalk Projects. The resolutions are done separately because Fall Creek Dr. is in a historic district. The City of Ithaca Board of Public Works may determine to use the Uniform Sidewalk Code (C-73 & 89) to order new sidewalk along the 400 block of Oak Ave. and the 300 block of Fall Creek Dr. The adjacent property owner for both projects is Cornell University.
2. The public hearing is scheduled for 20 April 2021 during the BPW meeting.
3. Both projects will improve traffic safety, enhance walking and bicycling conditions throughout the neighborhoods.
4. 400 Block of Oak Avenue project highlights:
 - Proposes 830 linear feet of new sidewalk, granite curb, and stormwater infrastructure for the corridor.
 - Reference the Short Environmental Assessment Forms
5. 300 Block of Fall Creek Drive project highlights:
 - Proposes 1040 linear feet of new sidewalk, granite curb, and stormwater infrastructure for the corridor.
 - Proposes a change to the Vehicle and Traffic Schedule by modifying the vehicular flow to one-way, east-bound between Highland Avenue and Thurston Avenue.
 - Reference the Full Environmental Assessment Forms



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I am proposing that the environmental review for each project be conducted in a coordinated review. Both State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) and City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) provide for this manner of review provided that the action is an Unlisted Action, or Type 1 Action and provided that the action is not determined to have a significant negative impact on the environment. The list of involved agencies includes: Common Council, Ithaca Landmarks Preservation Commission (ILPC), and the Board of Public Works. Based on previous experience, it does not seem likely that Common Council nor ILPC would like to be the lead agency.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach me at 274-6534 or jlicitra@cityofithaca.org.