

Robert Ellis, Public Works
City of Rapid City

RE: Proposed sidewalk along Parkview Drive

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Along 5th Street, there is only one place in which a sidewalk does not exist (see attached map). I drive this stretch of 5th Street at least 4 times daily and frequently see school children traveling this well-worn path. The reason I believe that they opt for this route as opposed to the sidewalk on the east side of 5th Street is because the only safe place for them to cross 5th is at the hospital with the signalized crosswalk. I have attached photos that clearly show the level of wear on this path.

I've seen children as well as adults on this path in nearly every weather condition. In some locations, there is but 2.5-3 feet in between the shoulder-less road and this path. In icy conditions, pedestrians are literally one slip away from traffic flows.

Rapid City Regional Hospital Inc. owns this stretch of land and a walking measure gives a rough estimate of 600 feet. This length of sidewalk would complete the sidewalks along both sides of 5th Street all the way to Stumer Road.

With Sincerest Thanks,

Charity Doyle
Ron Weifenbach
Gary Brown

Attachments:

-Aerial map of area
-Photo file



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Looking south from the point where existing sidewalk ends at Dakota Radiology property.



Shows how worn the path is relative to surrounding land.



Although I've never seen a cyclist personally, here we can see both pedestrian and bicycle tracks.



More bicycle tracks through the mud.



Shows narrowest distance between center of dirt path and a shoulderless road.



Blown up from previous photo—only 3 feet separate pedestrians from traffic in wet and icy conditions.



View looking north from Black Hills Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic.



End of sidewalk at Black Hills Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic.



Shows lack of shoulder to serve as a buffer between foot- and vehicle traffic.