

Hello, I'm a mother of a 7-year old student at Marie Reed and live at 2363 Champlain Street NW, directly across the street from the proposed construction for case #25-18. It's a busy neighborhood full of young children, including 4 in our building alone. We often refer to Champlain as "Sesame Street" because of how many Marie Reed elementary students are along this block.

I am writing not in opposition to construction at #25-18, but to request some solution for our sidewalks. For almost 2 years we've had a closed sidewalk along 2371-2377 Champlain – a seemingly abandoned development project that has been a public menace (currently including an unfenced lot full of stagnant water, steep drops, and exposed rebar).

Currently the sidewalk along that property is blocked, and people have to use a poorly-maintained plastic jersey barrier walkway. The development for case #25-18 is directly diagonal to 2371-2377 Champlain, and I'm assuming would also close their sidewalk. How would we safely use the sidewalks? I suspect this would involve having to jaywalk across the street multiple times? Please advise, and please propose a proper plan that is ADA-compliant for the myriad neighbors using strollers and wheelchairs.

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