May 4, 2021

City of Overland Park Councilmembers
Mr. Tony Hofmann, Public Works Director
Mr. Jim Kite, Public Works Committee Chairman
Mr. Carl Gerlach, Mayor
8500 Santa Fe Drive
Overland Park, KS 66212

Re: Immediate Discontinuance of Chip Seal on Residential Streets

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of our respective Homeowners' Associations, we request the immediate discontinuance of chip seal on our neighborhood streets. Until the City of Overland Park can afford an alternative material, like every other city in Johnson County uses on its residential streets, we would rather you do nothing than have chip seal applied. We understand deferring maintenance and amending contracts is not an ideal option by Public Works and the City Council, however, it's the only responsible option.

It's our assessment, as well as the 5,132 homeowners we represent, that chip seal is a danger to our homeowners and guests. We cannot risk any additional personal injury or property damage resulting from a new application of this substandard material. We are certain you can find other uses for the chip seal material intended for our subdivisions in non-residential areas of the city, or can exercise the "terminate for convenience" clause in your 2021 contract with Mid-American Road Builders, Inc.

We fervently believe it's irresponsible for the City of Overland Park to continue using this dangerous material after becoming aware of the wide-spread concerns across the city. We have voiced our concerns for more than 10 years to our respective councilmembers, in the 2016 and 2018 City of Overland Park Community Surveys, and now coalesce as a unified voice to demand immediate action be taken to eliminate chip seal. If the Governing Body is unwilling to modify its 2021 street maintenance plans, it will confirm the current administration does not have our best interest in mind and we will use our voice to reflect our desire for a change in leadership at the polls this November.

Please revisit the 2021 budget you previously approved and identify which projects could be moved to the 2022 budget. If you're unable to free up enough funds to replace the 151 lane miles scheduled to receive chip seal this summer, do less and do them right. Prioritize which streets cannot afford to be deferred until 2022 and resurface them a higher quality material such as UBAS or Mill and Overlay.

While we appreciate the formation of an Infrastructure Advisory Board to evaluate long-term solutions, your unwillingness to pause the use of chip seal until their research has concluded is unacceptable. This is a public safety issue that needs your immediate attention.

Respectfully,
The following 24 Homeowners' Associations in Ward 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Lionsgate
David Duntz, HOA President
[redacted]

Links at Lionsgate
Kristine Focht, HOA President
[redacted]

Shannon Valley
Mary E. Hayes, HOA President
[redacted]

Nottingham Downs
Dan Jacobson, HOA President
[redacted].com

Willow Bend
Todd Shaw, HOA President
[redacted]m

Wolf Valley
Doug Gish, HOA President
[redacted]

Lexington Park
Sam Schanker, HOA President
[redacted]l.com

Quail Valley
Fred Bosilevac, HOA President
[redacted]m

Timber's Edge
Craig Reid, HOA President
[redacted]ge.org

Wyngate
Jennifer Crouch, HOA President
[redacted]hlaw.com

Stone Haven
Sandy Ackerson, HOA President
[redacted]net

Morningview
Brian Hogsett, HOA President
[redacted]om

Hawthorne Valley
Elizabeth Leask, HOA President
[redacted]m

Turnberry
Dana Daly, HOA President
[redacted]om

Nottingham by the Green
Thomas Schuerman, HOA President
[redacted]ci.com

Kingston by the Lakes
Mike Zabel, HOA President
[redacted]

Kingston by the Park
Ken Havens, HOA President
[redacted]com

Wilderness Valley
Jeff Svilarich, HOA President
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Oxford Estates
Mike Keith, HOA President
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Villas of Tamarind
Gary Burchart, HOA President
[redacted]

Ranchview Gardens
Terry Sinclair, Neighborhood Co-Chair
[redacted]

Harwycke
Janet Saadat, HOA President
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Green Meadows
Sharon Tafreshi,
HOA President
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Dover
Matt Bowersox,
HOA Vice-President
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