

Fwd: Comment about Main St. project

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To: Lori Phelan <clerk@ridgewaywi.gov>

Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 3:51 PM

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From: **Theresa Berrie** <theresab223@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 3:50 PM
Subject: Re: Comment about Main St. project
To: Marj Riniker <admins@ridgewaywi.gov>

Also, I have really bad stage fright, so am not good at talking in meetings, so if you could also pass my comments onto the planning committee, I would appreciate it.

Thanks, Theresa

On Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 3:47 PM Theresa Berrie <theresab223@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks for the response. I am planning on attending any related meetings and will keep my eyes out for them.

Theresa

On Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 12:57 PM Marj Riniker <admins@ridgewaywi.gov> wrote:

Hi Theresa,

The best option for you to voice your concerns would be to attend a Public Information Meeting about the project.

We encourage you to attend any upcoming meetings as it's a chance to get accurate information and hear directly from project leaders. This will be your opportunity to ask questions and share your thoughts and concerns in a constructive setting, and help shape the outcome for the community. We hope you'll join us and be part of the conversation.

The engineers and other involved parties indicated they will hold such meetings possibly in April or May. Will be updating our website with information about them, and since you are subscribed, you will receive notifications of the meetings.

Thank you for reaching out.

On Fri, Feb 27, 2026 at 7:30 AM Theresa Berrie <theresab223@gmail.com> wrote:

Greetings,

Can I make a comment about the Ridgeway Main St. reconstruction project? (If I should send this somewhere else, please let me know.)

We live at 223 Main St. and currently do not have any street lights in front of our home. We prefer it that way, and are hoping it won't change during the reconstruction.

We prefer darker night skies because:

- We can actually see the Milky Way, with its multitude of stars, from our front yard, since there isn't a lot of light pollution.
- Extra light makes it very hard for me to sleep at night, contributing to my on-going problems with insomnia.
- Light pollution has been linked to poor health in humans, see <https://darksky.org/resources/what-is-light-pollution/effects/human-health/>
- Light pollution is also bad for wildlife and ecosystems, see: <https://darksky.org/resources/what-is-light-pollution/effects/wildlife-ecosystems/>

You can find out more about the benefits of dark skies and the problems with light pollution at:
<https://darksky.org/>

and there's information about street lights that reduce light pollution here:
<https://darksky.org/what-we-do/darksky-approved/>

Thanks very much for considering my comments,
Theresa Berrie

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