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Subject: RE: EGLE - 11525 Van Dyke Pavement Damage Complaint Knockers Collision
Attachments: Pic 3.PNG; Pic 4.PNG; Knockers Sept 2011.PNG; Knockers July 2018.PNG; After Pic.jpg; Knockers Property Lines.jpg

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Doug and Beth:

We've reviewed all information in detail and our conclusion is that Blaze's equipment could not possibly have caused the alleged damage to the sidewalk. First, per the attached Google Maps screenshots, the condition of the sidewalk (see "Pic 3.PNG" and "Pic. 4.PNG") one month prior to Blaze's mobilization on September 14, 2021 is the exact same as it is now. Google Maps screenshots from 2011 and 2018 (attached) show that this area of the Milton Avenue sidewalk has been in a state of decay throughout the past decade. Second, even if the sidewalk had been in perfect condition prior to Blaze's mobilization (which it clearly was not), none of Blaze's equipment could have caused this type and degree of damage to the sidewalk by driving over it during the job. In particular, the moss and grass growing through the cracks show that this part of the sidewalk has been in a deteriorated condition for years.

Blaze is also concerned that Knockers' owner is making this complaint in bad faith. Knockers has been at this location for years, and the Milton Avenue sidewalk has been deteriorating throughout this period. Knockers' owner obviously knows this, and we are worried that this is an attempt to get an unjustified payout from Blaze on a pretext. Additionally, Knockers does not own this sidewalk: it is a City of Detroit right-of-way (see attached aerial photo of property lines).

Blaze denies all responsibility or liability for this sidewalk damage. We are happy to cooperate with Wood and the State of Michigan in refuting Knockers' complaint. In addition, please confirm that you are removing this issue as a punch list/closeout item.

Best regards,

Tom



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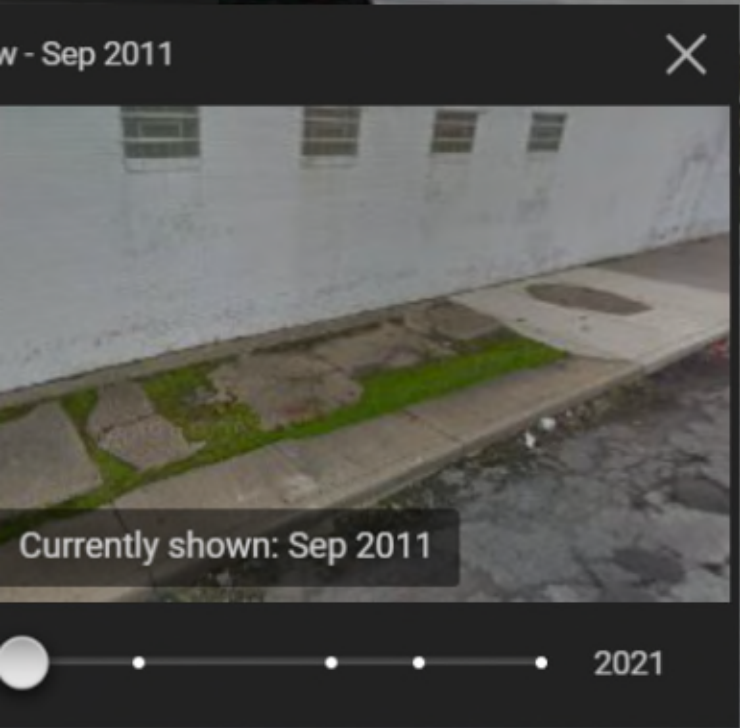


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