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Please extend the (m)-overlay to Arbor Lodge. Over the 40 years I have lived here, I have seen a great decrease in walkability to commercial establishments. I gave up car ownership 16 years ago and use public transport, but now with pandemic, try to avoid transport other than pedestrian. Between Lombard and Ainsworth, and Interstate and Chattaqua, I used to get most of my commercial needs met, just by walking. As we approach a more equitable, ecological way of life, we will need more pedestrian accessibility. Think about it. All these apartment dwellers are gonna need services within walking distance. And as an elder, my need for easier access will only increase. Thank you for listening.

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