

**From:** [Terry Frahm](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to assessment #215600 (2021 Street Maintenance Service Program - Sealcoating Street and/or Alley)  
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Council Members:

Please consider this email an objection to the subject assessment to our property at 1314 Mississippi River Blvd S in Saint Paul. This property is bordered by three streets (Colby Street, Magoffin Street & Mississippi River Blvd S) and my wife and I feel it is not equitable to be charged for multiple streets related to this street maintenance when most neighbors pay a much smaller assessment for only one street frontage. We dispute the argument that this 'routine' street maintenance adds to the value of our property, as this has not been sufficiently substantiated by any credible source.

My wife and I walk and bicycle whenever possible, and travel by car on these streets once or twice per day. The overwhelming majority of damage to these roads is caused by large, heavy vehicles, many of which bear the St. Paul Street Maintenance logo, as well as heavy traffic past our home by visitors to Hidden Falls Park, the entrance of which is directly across the street. We are not opposed to paying our 'fair share', but when we pay roughly \$11,000 in property tax each year, then are assessed for annual street sweeping and lighting maintenance, and now \$800 for what amounts to a street 'paint job' with only short-term visual benefit (there are already new potholes developing after one winter)... we're trying to find fairness when being charged for road repairs caused by thousands of others when we have no say in the matter.

While we generally don't agree to homeowners being responsible to co-op these charges with the city, we feel the minimally acceptable compromise would be an assessment for only one street, NOT the two we are being charged for at this time.

Thank you for hearing this objection and for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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