

From: [Andy Singer](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)
Subject: I support the revised bike plan
Date: Friday, April 12, 2024 12:27:03 PM

Dear Council Members,

I support the proposed revisions to the Saint Paul Bike plan and hope you will vote to approve them next Wednesday.

The only change I would make (if possible) is to put proposed bike facilities right onto West 7th Street or Smith Avenue instead of Exchange Street, because 7th and Smith are much more direct and Exchange Street requires going downhill and then back up again (meaning no one will use it). My guess is the choice of Exchange Street was due to unwillingness by MnDOT, Public Works and/or City political forces to allow bikes on W 7th or Smith either via parking removals or lane reductions. This should still be considered because safely getting into and out of downtown (particularly to the southwest) is one of the last major bicycle access obstacles that needs to be conquered.

I'm glad the plan fast-tracks a bikeway out of downtown on St Peter Street (to John Ireland). This is the easiest, cheapest and quickest way to connect Summit Avenue to downtown.

See you at the hearing next Wednesday!

Thank you for your consideration and support.

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Subject: Summit Avenue bikeway
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Dear City Council members:

I am an avid biker- I will be biking 25 miles this weekend and that includes my favorite road to ride: Summit Avenue. Parts of Summit Avenue west of Snelling need the paving finished curb to curb so bike trail is level. It was started right before the Marathon and needs to be finished.

I bike this route about 3 times per week and I bike about 700 + miles per summer.

I simply wish the city would finish the bike trails they started instead of this disastrous plan for Summit Avenue. As a biker, I can not see one good thing about this plan down the median. The Ayd Mill Road trail is a trail to nowhere as it is not finished. That is one huge project that should be connected on both ends. Let's get that done first. Another example is Minnehaha Avenue- especially west of Snelling the repaving years ago only did the center and the bike "route" is dangerous due to rough pavement that was never finished. It was never paved curb to curb. Please finish. There are many other short segments that are not connected that need to be connected- let's connect them now. **Let's finish what you started.**

Sincerely,

Jerry Ratliff