

**From:** Lisa Garretson <garretson.lisa@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 2:21 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** I support funding for streetlights on Shepard Road!

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Hi there -

I wanted to send an email voicing my support for lighting on Shepard road!

The Shepard Road trails are an important pedestrian corridor and the only trails we have access to without getting in the car and driving somewhere.

I often run and bike commute in the early hours before sunrise. I have taken to wearing a headlamp and carrying a handlight in order to navigate the sidewalks and make sure I stay up right. Without personal lighting, it is impossible to see hazards and other trail users (not to mention the creepy feeling of not knowing who else is out there....)

Lighting would make the trails much more welcoming, especially as we enter the season of limited daylight. It's crucial that we continue to light up our outdoor spaces so folks can commute and recreate safely year round.

THANKS!

Lisa Garretson

Irvine Park/W 7th Neighborhood

**From:** Mary Quinn McCallum <mary@fieldguideinc.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 2:22 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Support for lighting - Shepard Road

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Dear Council President Noecker,

As a St. Paul resident who regularly spends time driving and walking on and around Shepard Road, I wanted to write in support of funding streetlight repairs along this important connecting thoroughfare this year. I hope this is something the city will consider a priority as budgets are discussed and finalized. Please feel free to include my comment in the public record.

Thanks for all your work on behalf of the citizens of our city.

Sincerely,

Mary Quinn McCallum

Fairmount Ave, St. Paul

**From:** Elizabeth Schafer <elizabethanne45@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 2:22 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Re: It's Time to Light Up Shepard Road

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Hi there! I support funding streetlight repairs along Shepard Road. This is an essential riverfront trail and should be safe and comfortable for all users!

Thanks,

Elizabeth Schafer, St. Paul Resident

**From:** Michael-Jon Pease <pease@stpaulparks.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 2:32 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Lighting up Shepard Rd

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Yes! I want to help light up Shepard Rd!

**C. Michael-jon Pease, CFRE**

**Executive Director**

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**Subject:** trees

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Agree with you on the lighting on Shepard, but what we also need are more police patrols. the speeding and racing of cars and motorcycles is dangerous and constant. Please work with police to spend some time on shepard.

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**Subject:** Light Up!

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Ms. Noecker:

Please make it a priority to repair the streetlights along much of Shepard Road. As a regular walker, I have curtailed any evening walk along a portion of Shepard Road as the days have become shorter and much of the road is dark. I sincerely appreciate the effort and money that recently went into repairing the lights along the Samuel Morgan Trail after many years of neglect, making it an evening destination.

Donald Poplau

Saint Paul, Minnesota

**From:** Naomi Liebo <nliebo@aafedt.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 2:37 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** I Support Streetlight Repairs Along Shepard Road This Year

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As someone that lives in Lowertown and walks along the river and Shepard Road whenever I can, I agree this is very important. I support funding streetlight repairs along Shepard Road this year and agree this is very important to keep it safe.



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Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 2:43 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Subject: Shepard Road lighting

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Thank you for fighting to get the funds to get that road light again.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Laura Norén <laura.noren@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 2:50 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Support for Shepherd Road lighting and trees

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Hello Councilwoman Noecker:

I do not live in Ward 1, but I do use Shepherd Road to access the downtown area. It's important to me and to the city's economy to strongly resist the corrosion of civic character that creeps in when vandals ruin public spaces. I applaud you for helping replant the trees and for continuing to advocate for additional support.

In addition to supporting the replacement of the 30 lost trees and copper wires in the lighting, I would like to see regular police patrols out there protecting the substantial investment against any additional vandalism. Perhaps a bike patrol may be better able to provide capable guardianship of the area.

I hope that you will be just as protective of the trees along Summit Avenue.

Yours,

Laura

**From:** Lisa Carlson-Douma <lisacarlsondouma@outlook.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 2:55 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Lighting on Shepard Road

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I wanted to respond that I fully support trying to get funding for more lighting on Shepard Road. I live in Lowertown and often travel Shepard Road. As you point out in your newsletter, this is a safety issue; Shepard Road, when unlit, is very dark making it dangerous for cars, pedestrians, bikers, and anyone using that road. I no longer feel safe walking along there after dark.

On an aside, when my husband and I moved to Lowertown 6 years ago, the lighting along Shepard Road was one of those things we always commented on. It was so very lovely, welcoming, and a sign that we were coming home. We have sorely missed those lights.

Thank you for working on this and all the other things you have on your plate. We really appreciate your hard work and we love living here.

Lisa Carlson-Douma

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**From:** Katy Lindblad <[katy.lindblad@gmail.com](mailto:katy.lindblad@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 2:59 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <[Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>

**Subject:** Shepard Road

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Dear Council President Noecker:

This is just a quick note to let you know I support the funding of streetlight repairs along Shepard Road. This corridor is too important to stay dark. The lack of lighting makes it dangerous and unwelcoming for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians alike.

Thank you for your consideration.

Katy Lindblad

**From:** Wyatt, Wendy N. <wnwyatt@stthomas.edu>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:02 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Cc:** tom.clasen@gmail.com

**Subject:** Street light repairs

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Dear Councilmember Noecker,

Hello. My name is Wendy Wyatt; my husband Tom Clasen and I live in Lowertown. We've had the occasion to meet a few times, and we appreciate your advocacy for our neighborhood.

We were absolutely heartbroken to hear about the vandalism of trees along Shepard Road — for the second time no less. We spend significant time walking along the river and were so happy to see young trees planted (and then replanted) along the path last year. And while we understand that this second incident may have happened during the day, we also know that dark pathways (due to street lights that have also been vandalized and are not working) make it easier for people to think that no one is paying attention to this stretch along the river.

We understand that budgets are limited, but we can't give up on downtown St. Paul, and the amount of time some of the street lights have been out — on top of other seemingly neglected projects — (for example, after a water main break on Wall Street in July, we still have a big dirt section in front of our building) make it seem like this is happening. We're writing to request that you do all you can to ensure that money is allocated to repair the street lights along Shepard Road.

Thank you,

Wendy Wyatt

**From:** Denise Wickiser <denisewickiser@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:03 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Light up Shepard Road

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Dear Council President Noecker,

I am writing to express my strong support for funding the restoration of streetlights along Shepard Road. As a nearby Ward 2 resident, I've noticed how dark this corridor has become in recent years, and I share your concern about the safety and appearance of this important part of our city.

Shepard Road connects so many vital parts of Saint Paul — our parks, trails, riverfront, and downtown — yet the lack of lighting makes it feel unsafe and unwelcoming for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike. Reinvesting in this basic infrastructure will not only deter vandalism and crime but also help protect the significant public and volunteer efforts that have gone into beautifying this area.

Please count me among those who support allocating funds to restore and maintain the Shepard Road streetlights as part of this year's budget. I appreciate your leadership and continued attention to this issue.

Thank you for your service to our community!

Sincerely,

Denise Wickiser, Ward 2 Resident

West Seventh Neighborhood

**From:** brianba946 <brianba946@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:08 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Shepherd Rd lighting

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CM Noecker- I support additional funding for security, including enhanced lighting, for Sheperd Rd. But I offer more ideas than just local spending. Such a shame IRRA funds weren't better allocated when available.

As a National Park Recreation Area and part of the Great River Road National Scenic Byway system, our US Senate and Congressional team can add this lighting and security funding need into Highway, Transportation, Interior, and Agriculture direct appropriation requests.

As a critical element of our National Food Supply and Energy corridors, St Paul's stretch of the Mississippi Rv corridor is also eligible for Homeland Security and anti terrorism funds that pass from Fed to State.

As a designated International Migratiry Bird Corridor, this area certainly qualifies for intense invasive species removal and lighting enhancements from MN lottery annual funds, some of which are dedicated pass through funds to our Regional Parks. Where's that \$ going???

It seems that the City's 1 cent tax can be focused on this need in 2026 and also become a local match to other state and fed funding sources.

Additionally, the City needs to rethink the traditional lighting aesthics reflecting the 1920s lattern style. Poles with higher ballasts deter theft, as does reducing overgrown buckthorn where copper thieves live in violation of City camping regulations.

City might also need to rethink pole voltage 24 7...costs less to to run higher voltage than keep restringing copper.

How the Mayors office has been so ineffective on this topic over 8 years is mind boggling. I'd drag each Dept head in to council and demand they have action plan with deliverable dates and funding strategies in place by Dec 2025 mtg.

I also highly recommend the City lobby the legislature to enhance the jail time and penalties for theft or vandalism of public right of ways or other public facilities. At a minimum Gross Misd first offense and escalate to Felony if repeat offender. Destroying assets held in public trust should carry a higher level of deterrence as it infringes on the safety of us all.

Thanks, Brian

**From:** Torgerson, Matthew (TR Product) <matt.torgerson@thomsonreuters.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:18 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Shepard Road Tree Vandalism

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This email is in response to your email seeking support for your idea to fund more street lighting along the Shepard Road corridor to prevent repeat incidents of vandalism after more trees were cut down, during the day.

I'm speaking on behalf of my wife as well. Instead of spending money on more street lights that will attract your tacitly promoted and sponsored homeless meth addicts to steal copper, use that money to hire more cops to provide for a much needed greater police presence. Your policies and budgeting have led to the city employing approximately only 500 police officers, when the national benchmark calls for employing 2.4 officer for every 1,000 residents. That means Saint Paul is woefully under-policed to the tune of approximately 200 police officers. Why aren't you sending out emails seeking support to fund more cops?

This city is mismanaged and you are a big part of that problem.

Matthew and Dawn Torgerson

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**From:** Joe Steinbronn <[joesteinbronn@gmail.com](mailto:joesteinbronn@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:22 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <[Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** Lighting (and Much More) on Shepard Road

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Hi Rebecca,

I read your newsletter and wholeheartedly support ensuring that Shepard Road is well-lit. I also hope that a long-term fix involves a higher use for the area than as a high speed through-way that's hostile to anyone not in a motor vehicle. I occasionally bike along Shepard Road, and there's very little life to be found around the noisy, speeding drivers. As [Bill Lindeke has noted](#), Shepard Road currently takes up a large portion of our city's waterfront, and it's land that other river cities have used to transform their downtowns. Jane Jacobs famously observed that "eyes on the streets" are the best deterrent for crime, and bringing those in is just as important as giving them lights by which to see.

Thanks,

Joe

From: John Walsh <[john89walsh@gmail.com](mailto:john89walsh@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:57 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <[Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
Subject: Shepard road street light funding

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Hello,

I support funding for street lighting for Shepard Road.

As a runner that frequently runs on the trail along this road, I agree that it is far too dark especially in the stretch of road east of Randolph Avenue until around Eagle Parkway.

I too am frustrated by the desecration of the newly planted trees in this area and I wonder if St Paul police cameras could temporarily be placed in this area.

Thank you,

John Walsh

Resident of West 7th

**From:** John Wilcox <john.wilcox@outlook.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:57 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Shepard Road

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Council President Noecker,

We absolutely support getting the lights back up on Shepard Road. It was heartbreaking to hear about, and then see the second round of tree destruction.

OBTW - Pedro Park looks great.

Thanks for all you do,

John & Toni Wilcox

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**From:** ED Schnobrich <edschnobrich@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:00 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Shephard Road lighting

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Dear Rebecca, my name is Ellen Schnobrich and I am a resident of Upper Landing along Shepard Ave. I, along with many volunteers of Friends of Upper Landing spend countless hours planning, planting, and weeding our gardens along the river as well as picking up trash.

Shepard Road has been dark for far too long creating opportunities for vandalism, homeless encampments and vandalism.

I fully support all of your efforts at restoring lighting and safety for our community.

Thank you, Ellen and Dana Schnobrich

**From:** Christopher Taykalo <ctaykalo@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:01 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** I support street lighting along Shepard Road

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Dear Council President Noecker,

It absolutely broke my heart to read that vandals had yet again killed trees along Shepard Road. I think I screamed out, "Oh my God! THIS is why we can't have nice things." I don't know why a few bad apples have to ruin it all for everyone else in our city.

It is well past time to fix the lights along Shepard Road to protect our city's assets.

Thank you for all that you do!

Best,

Christopher

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From: Lori Lifto <lorilifto@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:28 PM  
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Subject: Shepard Road Lighting

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Pleas make this a priority!

Thank you,

Lori Lifto

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From: Jeanne Hall <jeanne.hall@mac.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:48 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Subject: Shepherd Road

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Hello councilwoman Rebecca,

Really glad that you are urging having lights on ShepherdRoad. There are no lights in many areas and it is very dangerous for driving. I fear for when it will be dark at 4:00 in the Winter for rush hour. When I worked at Johnson HS one of my students was killed on this road at the time of day.

Also, I am very concerned that the bike trail and Lower Landing's wonderful new park have no safe access. Why isn't there safe access from Lowertown to the park and trail system?

Thanks,

Jeanne Hall

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Julie Bluhm <bluhm.julie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:52 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Re: Shepard road lights

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PS: Julie Bluhm, 225 9th Street E Unit 207, St. Paul MN 55101

On Tue, Oct 28, 2025, 4:51 PM Julie Bluhm <[bluhm.julie@gmail.com](mailto:bluhm.julie@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Council member Noecker,

I am writing to express my support for the city to invest in the restoration of the street lights on Shepard Road. We are so proud of the corridor into our city and want it to send a message to those coming in that downtown is vibrant and safe.

Thank you,

Julie

**From:** craig willford <craig@twodigits.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 5:01 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Vandalism and Lighting on Shepherd

Rebecca,

I saw your email about the vandalism on Shepherd. That's terrible! Who vandalizes trees? I mean. . . trees, everyone loves trees. I can see the importance of lighting up Shepherd road but one thing I've been wondering is when we do repairs like that, how are we making changes so that people won't just steal the copper again?

Thank you!

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Craig Willford

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From: Mark Dougherty <markdesign124@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 5:29 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Subject: Shepard Road lighting

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Dear Rebecca,

I agree that Shepard Road MUST have good lighting to make it a welcoming entrance to St. Paul. The replacement of copper wire needs to be a priority. AND a solution must be found to repeated wire thefts everywhere. And I JUST came up with the solution! (Like two seconds ago.). (My construction company used to be called Creative Remodeling.). A hinged iron collar could be installed at the base of every light standard. It would then be secured with a hardened steel bolt. Collar thickness, hinge and bolt design would need some tinkering. But if this solution forced thieves to spend five or ten minutes cutting apart a collar it would significantly slow their progress and increase the likelihood of being caught. Right now light poles are almost all made of aluminum with a laughably easy-to-open wiring access panel at the base. This has infuriated me for years.

The county should also pass a law making light pole wire theft a felony punishable by one year in prison per fixture, mandatory! No parole. And this must be imprinted on each iron collar so they see the law as they cut.

Run this by Sean Kershaw. Expensive? Yes, but iron is cheaper than copper and electrician wages.

Mark

**From:** Kerry Cipra <kmcipra@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 5:37 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Light up Shepard Road

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Please get lighting on Shepard Road funded and installed!

*Kerry M.Cipra*  
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**From:** Ron Weisman <ron@rbwlive.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 6:16 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Street Light Repair

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Rebecca,

I absolutely agree with you, we can make St. Paul safer by turning the lights on again.

Having said that, I think that the city needs to begin supporting and repairing existing infrastructure. The number of street lights still out on Shepard Road is completely unacceptable. This needs to be prioritized over new projects like the new stairs to the river at the upper landing or the 370 Osborne Park.

In short, fix what's broken, then talk about building new things.

Ron Weisman  
651-204-6500

From: Debra Holmgren <holmgrendebra@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 7:09 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: Shepard Road Streetlights

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Dear Council President Noecker,

Please know that I support repair of the streetlights on Shepard Rd in Saint Paul. I drive that route frequently to visit grandchildren in Woodbury, but I no longer take that route on the way home if it's after dark. There is a long, dark stretch of road and it's been that way for too long. I would appreciate the Council's support for funding the repair.

Debra Holmgren

359 Pleasant Ave

Saint Paul

From: Paul Thomas <navionpaul@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 7:15 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Subject: Shepard Rd trees and lights

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Hi Rebecca,

Thanks for helping with tree planting and focusing on re-lighting Shepard Rd. I live in Upper Landing so would benefit from the lights working. I noticed they're putting lights on the re-constructed bike trail between Lexington Ave and Randolph. Fixing the lights between Randolph and Sibley would be my choice of a stretch to start with. That's a popular walking/ biking route and would also increase lighting in Upper Landing neighborhoods.

Thanks, Paul Thomas

Sent from my iPad

**From:** James Daniels <jamesddaniels@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 7:23 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Shepard Road Lighting

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I support funding the repair of the lights along Shepard road. It has been dark too long and think this should be a priority within the next year. Included in the funding should be some upgrades to the poles themselves to make them less susceptible to re-theft - e.g. could the access panels be welded shut & whatever serviceable equipment be moved to the top of the pole, such that maintenance (or theft) would require a cherry picker?

Thanks,

James Daniels

**From:** Anna Norstedt <[anna.norstedt@gmail.com](mailto:anna.norstedt@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 7:38 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <[Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>

**Subject:** streetlight repairs

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Hello!

I live in Ward 2 and I support street light repairs  
on Shepard Road.

Anna

**From:** Darla Baker <darlamaebaker@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 8:25 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Street repairs on Shepard Road

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I support funding street-light repairs along Shepard Road. I am one of many people who use this road frequently.

Darla Baker

923 Saint Clair Ave

St Paul, MN 55105

**From:** Linda B <lbrooksphoto@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:11 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Shepard Road lights

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Hello Council President Noecker,

I fully support lighting Shepard Road!

The repeated vandalism of the trees is very sad.

Thanks for running an informative meeting at the Depot!

Take care,

Linda Brooks

[www.lbrooksphoto.com](http://www.lbrooksphoto.com)

763 607-7501 cell

**From:** KERRY SMISEK <ksmisek73@msn.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:28 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Shepard Road Lighting

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I support funding streetlight repairs along Shepard Road this year.

Thanks

Kerry Smisek. Ward 2 resident

**From:** velomapper@aol.com <velomapper@aol.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 7:10 AM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Shepard Road - Trees and Lighting

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Hi President Noecker,

Thank you for your efforts to promote lighting along Shepard Road. I support this!

And of course thank you for your work to plant trees along Shepard Road also. I am very saddened by the repeated vandalism to the trees!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Miller

980 Saint Clair Ave.

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Laura Capistrant <laurascap@me.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:37 AM  
To: #Cl-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Subject: Light Up Shepard Road!

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I support street light funding along Shepard Road. It's a shame to see it so dark, and it raises safety concerns.

Thanks,

Laura Capistrant (she/her/hers)

From: Paula Mackey <[paulasmackey@gmail.com](mailto:paulasmackey@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:47 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <[Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
Subject: Shepard Rd

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I live on Spring Street in Upper Landing and absolutely totally support funding more lighting for Shephard Road.

And, as I've written about before, it needs lower speed limits and better enforcement. Any enforcement !

Paula Mackey

240 Spring St.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Leslee LeRoux <leslee.superior@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 1:20 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** I support funding for lighting on Shepard Road. Please keep this issue on the council agenda and vote to support funding to light up Shepard Road. Leslee LeRoux, 3 Irvine Park, St. Paul, 651.280.9393

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I support funding for lighting on Shepard Road. Please keep this issue on the council agenda and vote to support funding to light up Shepard Road.

Leslee LeRoux, 3 Irvine Park, St. Paul, 651.280.9393

**From:** Sharon Carson <carson.slopecake@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:26 AM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Lighting on Shepard

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Dear Council President Noecker,

Thank you for the update on the new tree vandalism along Shepard Road. Very discouraging and a reminder that the lack of lighting along that stretch of Shepard near downtown (I live in the apartments on Spring St) makes it seem like that is a semi-abandoned stretch of the city, day or night. I drive home down Shepard in the evening often and it's often almost pitch black. It's not safe for drivers, or people on foot along the paths. Vandalism may likely seem relatively easy when a stretch of road like this remains unlighted and seems abandoned by the city.

I know it's difficult dealing effectively with the wire thefts from the light poles, and as a former police dispatcher in a large city, I know SPPD has higher priority stuff to handle every day, but it's one of those thefts that affects the downtown neighborhoods beyond the specific act and seems to remain unaddressed. Full support for any funding initiative within the city gov to address. Thanks! Sharon Carson (resident of the Riverview at Upper Landing apartments)

**From:** Lindsey Bryant <bryant.lindsey7@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:58 AM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** I support lighting on Shepard Road

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Hi,

I am writing to voice my support for more lighting along Shepard Road. I do not live in St. Paul, but as a runner, I am often over there with my running group getting in a few training miles, and this stretch of Shepard can feel hostile and unsafe once the sun goes down. More lighting is needed!

I hope that the city of St. Paul can continue to improve this area of riverfront and make it more beautiful and welcoming for residents and visitors alike.

Kind regards,

Lindsey Bryant

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Lindsey Bryant

(805) 422-2650

**From:** Debbie Flies <fliesdebbie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:41 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Support Street Lights on Shepard

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Good morning,

I fully support funding street lights on Shepard Road for all the reasons mentioned in Rebecca's email. However, what will STOP the thieves from taking the copper wire again and will it be a loss of money? Is there an alternative to copper?

Also, cameras to catch these people who are destroying our property. It is so senseless.

The riverfront is our GEM in St Paul and has long been underutilized. Cities across the country are embracing their water features, such as rivers and lakes and we need to as well. This not only serves for the enjoyment of the downtown community but attracts tourists, etc.

Raspberry Island with its great covered stage should be hosting concerts regularly throughout the summer.

If there is an opportunity for me to work with the council as a downtown resident to help plan, etc., please let me know.

ALSO, PEDRO PARK IS AMAZING!!!! So I'm looking forward to next summer. This quadrant of downtown will be bursting with activity, community and fun

Thanks Deb Flies

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phone 651-353-7095

**From:** K. Barrett <barretthorwath@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:58 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Shepard Road street lights

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I live near the intersection of Shepard Road and Lexington Avenue. I am very concerned about the lack of lighting on Shepard Road, especially as long, dark winter days arrive.

When I come home from work at 5 pm in the winter, the road is as dark as an unlit country road in a rural area. It is unsafe to drive, given how fast cars drive. It is even more unsafe for walkers and bikers.

I am sickened by the vandalism of trees on the roadway, and the dark environment definitely contributes to this. The darkness leads to further vandalism and theft of copper wire at additional street lights.

Please address this situation. We have to be smarter than the thieves, and -install lights that are vandalism-proof or use materials other than copper wire.

Kathleen Barrett  
1111 Elway St, Apt 504, St Paul, MN 55116

**From:** Toni Wilcox <[toni.wilcox@outlook.com](mailto:toni.wilcox@outlook.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 2:22 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <[Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>

**Subject:** Fund Street Light Repairs on Shepard Road

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Dear Council Member Noecker,

I just returned to my Lowertown home from a run along Shepard Road. It's a beautiful fall day in one of the city's most traveled areas and I can't help but be disheartened by the repeated vandalism and theft of streetlight wiring. As I am turning 65 and am officially an "old" I have grown to accept that darkness on uneven or snowy pavement is a graver threat to my safety than crime.

Looking ahead to the next round of city budget negotiations I encourage the council to put a high priority on repairing and theft proofing the lighting on Shepard Rd., not only as a safety measure but as an acknowledgement of the economic necessity a welcoming and fully functional streetscape along the river is for any future development of the old West Law and jail sites.

Respectfully,

Toni Wilcox

406 Wacouta St. #517

Saint Paul, 55101

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From: JODY HURLBUT <jhurl2231@msn.com>  
Sent: Saturday, November 1, 2025 1:48 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Subject: Light Shepard Road

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Hello Councilmember Noecker,

As a resident of Waterford Bay, I have seen what a positive difference the repaired lighting on the Sam Morgan trail from Shepard to downtown has made.

It's time to do the same on Shepard Road. It's a major thoroughfare with its own walking/biking trails which should be lit to make drivers, cyclists and pedestrians feel safe.

Not to mention it would be a deterrent to the riff raff that continues to try and wreck the good things that the city is trying to do (tree planting, etc.).

Thank you,

Jody Hurlbut

**From:** Jeanne Partlow <jeannepartlow@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, November 2, 2025 12:26 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Lighting

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Make sure that when streetlight wiring is replaced they use aluminum rather than copper. Also more police patrols in area would be helpful along with neighborhood watch groups

**From:** Don Lifto <[donlifto@gmail.com](mailto:donlifto@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 2, 2025 11:01 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <[Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** Lighting Shepard Road

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Yes!

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Don Lifto, Ph.D.

*School Election Strategies*

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St. Paul, MN 55101

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**From:** Kathleen Corley <khcorley0311@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, November 2, 2025 10:35 AM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Shepard Road

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Hello Council President Noecker,

Thank you for your update on Shepard Road. I am so very sorry the trees were damaged, again. It is very disconcerting to know that we have individuals who are so destructive and create such havoc on our beautiful Shepard Road.

In addition, I am so glad to know what to do when I see street lights out as I did coming in from the airport at night a couple of weeks ago - lights were out as I crossed under Highway 62 and came across Highway 5 Bridget into Saint Paul. It was very disconcerting, and a bit scary.

I've just put the "Lights Out" number in my cell, and will call it when I see lights out, and/or it and the police (911) when/if I see vandalism.

Finally, please do all you can to replace/repair the trees and keep Shepard and other streets in Saint Paul lit... it may be funding or in the case of Highway 5 it may be putting pressure on other agencies - whichever it is, you have my support and encouragement!

Kathleen

Kathleen H. Corley

651.295.1825

Please note:

*Effective immediately my new and only email address is*

[khcorley0311@gmail.com](mailto:khcorley0311@gmail.com)

**From:** Monica Kelley <monicakelley1366@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025 9:01 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Lighting on Shepard Road

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Dear Rebecca,

I support repairs to the lighting on Shepard Road. Thanks for posting about it on LinkedIn. And thanks for the trees.

Best

Monica

**From:** Crystal Meriwether <[meriwetherck@gmail.com](mailto:meriwetherck@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 5, 2025 2:18 AM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <[Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>

**Subject:** Trees & Lights on Shepard

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Dear Rebecca,

I support your initiatives totally!

Be well and be safe.

Best,

Crystal

Crystal Meriwether

From: Linda Calvert <lindacalvert4@icloud.com>  
Sent: Thursday, November 6, 2025 5:20 PM  
To: #Cl-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Subject: Shepard Road lights

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PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE Get the lights repaired on Shepard Road. It is sooo Unsafe. The bike bath along part of the road was repaved and of all things, they put lights on the path. I don't know of anyone that bikes at night!!! I realize that money may come from some other fund, but we MUST get the lights working on Shepard!!

Thank you

Linda Calvert

**From:** Jane N. <janeneimeyer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 8, 2025 7:58 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Light Up Shepherd Road

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Dear Council President Noecker,

A long, dark road is an invitation to vandals and criminals. It then becomes a danger to those who live nearby as well as those who go to the area to recreate.

Though I don't live in Ward 2, I believe it requires funding for streetlight repairs along Shepard Road. I would also support funding for cameras that allow police to monitor stretches of the road.

Yes, I agree, Shepard Road "... deserves to be safe, welcoming, and well-lit."

Thank you for your work.

Sincerely,

Jane Neimeyer

**Jane Neimeyer**

**484 Portland Ave.**

**St. Paul, MN 55102**

From: Elizabeth Andrews <eandrews80@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, November 7, 2025 5:55 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: I support streetlight repairs!

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Good evening Council President Noecker,

I just read your email newsletter about the tree vandalism on Shepard Road. This is maddening! I don't know who would go out of their way to vandalize a tree, of all things.

I am absolutely in support in the City of Saint Paul throwing as many resources as possible at fixing the streetlights on Shepard Road — not only to prevent further vandalism, but to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety.

I also hope the copper wiring theft comes to an end. What a headache.

Thanks,

Elizabeth Andrews

744 Ottawa Avenue

[eandrews80@gmail.com](mailto:eandrews80@gmail.com)

312-498-7588

**From:** Gozie Ukaga <gozieukaga@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025 10:44 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Support for Lighting on Shepard Road

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Good morning Council President Noecker,

I read about the vandalism of recently planted trees and was disappointed to hear that it was occurring.

I am writing to share that I completely agree with you; proper lighting is needed on Shepard Road as soon as possible to continue bolstering the community safety, tree replanting and other city efforts that you and others have invested their time into.

Thank you for highlighting this issue and continuing to advocate for sustainable vitality in the City of Saint Paul.

Chigozie Ukaga

**From:** Adam Hertell <adam.hertell.mn@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 6, 2025 11:04 AM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Support for Shepard Road Funding

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CP Noecker-

Thank you for making a point to help restore lighting along Shepard!

I live in Ward 3 on River Road and remember living for quite some time last year without street lights along the boulevard. It made walking along the boulevard feel far less safe and I was disappointed to see Shepard is dark again from 35E to Downtown, making that area ripe for additional potential quality of life issues (thinking here re: tenets of 'broken windows' policing).

With that said, I am supportive of your efforts to identify funding to help remedy this particular instance of darkness along Shepard and also to find a more permanent solution to stop this from happening again in the future.

I am also highly supportive of your efforts to collaborate with the City, State, County, Metro Transit and other local electeds to help develop a plan to transform West 7th and appreciate you offering a 60-day deadline to get back to the community with a plan for next steps (coming out of Dave's 10/27 town hall).

Thanks!

Adam Hertell

Ward 3 Resident

Local District Council Member

From: Kathryn Asp <kmairishlass48@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2025 1:53 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Cc: Kathie Asp <kmairishlass48@gmail.com>  
Subject: LIGHTS for Shepard Road!

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Rebecca:

I am responding to the recent message regarding lights on Shepard Road. I live in the area and can attest it is miserable to drive along there in the dark! One night I was caught in a storm and could hardly see on my trip home. First time I've ever been very scared about driving due to poor lighting.

Thanks for taking up the cause. I'd like to go on record as a true supporter.

I also am very pleased with the recent resolution on the gun "control" if legislation allows it to go through. I can't believe the GUN OWNERS are suing already! Can't they see their rights are protected but we need to regulate guns in the wrong hands.... Thanks for your bold, courageous and important stands!!

We are most fortunate to have you as our President, City Council!!

Thanks for all you do!!

Kathie Asp, St Paul