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Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 1:05 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Cleveland Ave.

Mr. Tolbert: I urge you to vote against the proposed bike lanes for Cleveland Ave. when this issue comes before the City Council today, Tuesday, March 16, 2016.
This proposal is wrong for several reasons:

(1) it is harmful for the businesses that operate along or adjacent to Cleveland Ave.; they will lose business for lack of parking; few will support an antique shop if there is nowhere to park; families will be less likely to support the barber shop if they have to park further away; the media copying store near Palace Ave. will move all their operations to the Roseville store since it will be too difficult to shop on Cleveland; the pizza store/coffee shop will suffer from lost customers when there is insufficient places to park; etc., etc.

(2) creating future parking bays on side streets will only compound parking issues in the neighborhoods; also I suspect the concept for parking bays will never reach fulfillment;

(3) there is too much traffic on Cleveland Ave.

(4) there are more viable/safer alternatives; i. e. Prior Ave. or Finn Ave. these streets are less traveled than Cleveland Ave.; there are very few businesses that would suffer; I'll admit that these streets are not a straight route but they protect the businesses and give bikers more exercise as they travel;

(5) financially this is a bad idea; the City currently experiences fiscal problems; the \$300,00.00 plus already allocated for this project would be better spent elsewhere; think of the paramedics or ambulances that could be purchased and how much better they would serve the public good;

(6) most of those who oppose this project live and work in Ward 3; I believe that most of those who want this project are not your constituents but merely people that hope to pass through out neighborhoods at the expense of others.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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