

From: Lauren Nielsen
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 6:14 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward5
Subject: Finish the Capital City Bikeway!

Amy Brendmoen,

Dear elected officials,

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As construction on the Jackson St leg of the Bikeway nears completion, we urge you to maintain your focus on completing this plan and provide adequate funding to make biking in and through downtown Saint Paul safe and accessible.

Thank you,

Lauren Nielsen

7xx Woodlawn Ave Apt
Saint Paul , Minnesota 55116

1. Amy Brendmoen,

Please help make cycling safer for everyone!

As a new St. Paul resident (and a former Minneapolis resident) it was quickly evident upon moving here that St. Paul has not done enough in the past to ensure the city's streets are safe for all users. I hate to play into the old Minneapolis v. St. Paul rivalry (both are great cities) but Minneapolis really has St. Paul beat on this issue. I miss the buffered bike lanes and separated paths of my former city.

The The Capital City Bikeway plan is a great step in making the streets welcoming to all users.

Kelsey Henderson
14xx Portland Avenue Apt
St. Paul, Ohio 44104

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Thank you,
Jenny Werness
Saint Clair Ave
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105

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Amy Brendmoen,

Please continue the work that has been done so far in making safe bikeways throughout St. Paul. We need to be a livable city for the future which means we need to find and fund different transportation methods beyond cars which contribute to traffic casualties, pollution and are a huge drain on our taxpayer dollars.

Thank you.

Robert Wales
17xx Race St
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55116

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As construction on the Jackson St leg of the Bikeway nears completion, I urge you to maintain your focus on completing this plan and provide adequate funding to make biking in and through downtown Saint Paul safe and accessible. Also, since funding for the remaining legs has not yet been secured, I encourage you to consider setting up temporary barriers to create the remaining legs with little or no cost while funds are secured for the remaining legs.

Thank you,

Jeff Christenson
14xx Lincoln Ave.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55105

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5. Amy Brendmoen,

When Indianapolis completed their cultural trail (a biking/walking loop that wrapped their downtown), property values and tax revenues increased, businesses saw more customers, and activity/vibrancy immediately jumped.

Providing safe transportation options for workers and visitors in our community (even in cold midwestern cities) is one of the easiest economic development tools we can deploy.

Just walking past the first leg of the Capitol City Bikeway is so exciting. The possibility it presents makes me so proud to live in Saint Paul. Please continue the work on the Capitol City Bikeway to help connect all of our neighborhoods and provide safe options for families and workers.

Matt Privratsky
12xx Hubbard Ave
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104

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Amy Brendmoen,

Pittsburgh finished their downtown protected bike ways using temporary methods for t have to wait for full reconstruction on these streets.

Thank you,
Mike Sonn

Michael Sonn
14xx Wellesley Ave
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105

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Amy Brendmoen,

Dear Councilpeople and Mayor Coleman,

I am writing in support of completion and funding of the Capital City Bikeway (CCB). I bike to work in downtown Saint Paul and have been hit three times by motor vehicles. All of the places I've been hit are on what should become the CCB. If I were on a protected bikeway, would I have been hit? Perhaps, but biking would be safer with this in place.

I love attending events and dining downtown with my family. My eight-year old son cannot bike downtown right now, causing us to bike to downtown and then walk, or not to come downtown for entertainment. He could bike on a completed CCB. We would spend more of our entertainment dollars downtown if we could bike safely.

Please make this a priority.

Regards,

Dana DeMaster
9xx Bayard Ave
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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You can start by implementing the 4th St leg of the bikeway. 4th St is important as it connects the downtown loop to destinations such as the Union Depot, 12 eyes Brewing, Central Station,

employment and other destinations. While there are concerns that 4th street would be redundant to a future leg on Kellogg, it would be no more redundant than any other 2 parallel streets in our current motor vehicle network.

I would also ask that you look at easy low cost implementation options such as flex posts and duct tape striping for short to mid term implementation until funding can be secured for full build out. This is important for creating a livable, accessible and competitive downtown. The network that is planned and the portion that has been already built will set downtown St. Paul ahead of all other urban downtown areas in the US. Do what is right for the environment, city and world by helping finish this downtown network.

Thank you,

Jeff Zaayer
17xx Saunders Av
Saint paul, Minnesota 55116

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Amy Brendmoen,

Dear elected officials,

Thank you for all your efforts to date to implement the Comprehensive Bike Plan with fidelity in St. Paul. As one who rides year-round for nearly all of my transportation, leisure, exercise, and socialization needs, I am keenly aware of where progress has been made in recent years, and it is substantial!

The Cleveland Ave bike-lanes, Jackson street separated bikeway, Upper-Afton bike-lanes and Wheelock Park separated bikeway are all excellent examples of this progress!

Yet now is not the time to be complacent about continuing with needed improvements. The downtown area, in particular, remains problematic for riders to enter/exit, and to navigate. Continued efforts and funding are needed to finish out the Capital City Bikeway. Configuring 4th St to allow bikes to ride Eastbound between Cedar and N Sibley would also greatly improve rider safety in the downtown.

The vibrant future of St. Paul is going to include a higher proportion of citizens of all ages getting around by bike. Please continue to support that sustainable future!

Thank you!

Brian C. Martinson

Brian Martinson
19xx Princeton Ave
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105

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Amy Brendmoen,

Please complete the Capital City Bikeway and get temp lanes in sooner than later. The current state of biking downtown is not safe.

James Cowles
1xxx California Ave N – Ward 5
St Paul, Minnesota 55117

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Amy Brendmoen,

Dear city officials,

I write you as a resident of St. Paul and a bicyclist. I get to my job near downtown on my bike almost every day, and I also regularly bicycle recreationally along the river and trails near downtown.

I appreciate the work that all of you have put into making the city safer for bicyclists of all ages and abilities. But we still have a long way to go, especially near downtown, which can be incredibly daunting for any bicyclist who doesn't like to take their life in their hands at times. Right now, too many purported bicycle connections are flat out unsafe.

As a voter, there is no local issue I care about and base my votes on more than safe streets for everyone. The Capital City Bikeway plan would create world-class bicycle infrastructure in downtown, enabling safe commuting and connections for all.

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Thank you.

Galen Benshoof
10xx Laurel Ave
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

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Amy Brendmoen,

I think there are many possible funding sources out there that we have not yet examined, including Eco-Lab and health insurance companies. The time is ripe to aggressively examine these opportunities before they go away. As you may know the majority of the \$27 million Cultural Trail was funded by private \$.

Margot Higgins
5xx Grand Avenue, apt 105
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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Amy Brendmoen,

Dear elected officials,

As a resident of Minneapolis who works in downtown St. Paul, I would appreciate a more connective bikeway network through the downtown area. The east-west connections are terrific in St. Paul but biking through the center of the city remains a challenge.

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Thank you,

Katie White
7xx SE 3rd Ave
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

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14. Amy Brendmoen,

Good bicycle infrastructure makes the city safer and more livable for everyone! Please ensure that the plan is funded and implemented.

Thank you.

Tyler Teggatz
20xx Itasca Ave
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55116-2518

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Amy Brendmoen,

Greetings,

My name is Jake Rueter and I am a homeowner in the Hamline Midway neighborhood. I'm writing to advocate for the completion of the Capitol City Bikeway. I believe it is especially important to utilize rapidly implementable solutions (re-stripping streets, flexible bollards, temporary placemaking) to build out the remainder of the CCB as soon as possible. A full build-out of the CCB will make Downtown more bikable and walkable by great lengths, something that is very important to me for environmental, health, and economic reasons.

I look forward to seeing the completion of the CCB in the very near future using creative solutions until the full build-out can be funded.

Jake Rueter
13XX Blair Ave
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104

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Thank you,

Rachel Stephens

2xx 4th St E

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

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Thank you,

Justin LaMachia

2xx 4th Street East
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

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Amy Brendmoen,

As a daily bike commuter through downtown, this bikeway would tremendously benefit me and many other potential cyclists who are currently impeded by the dangerous nature of our downtown streets. A concerted fund-raising effort would help to move this critical project forward. Thanks for your work!

Suzanne Rhees
12xx Hoyt Ave W
St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

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Amy Brendmoen,

As an avid support of public transit and alternative transport, I had hoped to use bicycling in a more consistent manner. Biking in from Woodbury to Saint Paul poses some interesting challenges. Although bike paths are generally supported, there are stretches where it is downright dangerous. Once I get to downtown, I have no dedicated way of traversing the city East to West. Instead, I must share the roads with automobiles, who at times have little regard for bicyclists. In short, I don't always feel safe. Please improve this.

Chad Walstrom
26xx Queensport Road
Woodbury, Minnesota 55125

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Amy Brendmoen,

Please finish the Capital City Bikeway! The bikeway would create super way to make the downtown area bike friendly. I want to be able to bike to/from work and businesses without feeling like I'll get run over by a car or truck.

Richard Fong
32xx Canterbury Drive
Woodbury, Minnesota 55125

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Amy Brendmoen,

Thank you Mayor and City Council members for completing the first leg of the Capital City Bikeway. It looks terrific. Unfortunately, it feels like a road to nowhere. This is the third day this week I have biked downtown - once for the farmers market, twice to eat. It is still terrifying navigating from Summit Hill to Downtown because there are no safe routes through the downtown. Biking down the middle of the street with rush hour traffic and buses on my tail is horrible and unsafe. Please find funding now to complete this plan. Get temporary treatments installed so we're not risking our lives constantly.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Wefel

Elizabeth Wefel
9xx Goodrich Avenue
Saint Paul , Minnesota 55105

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Amy Brendmoen,

Safer cycling helps my business. Having spent over twenty years as a bicycle retailer in the Twin Cities, I'm an obvious advocate for cycling and pedestrian facilities. So here's a \$3million thank you (annual revenue) for building a better city.

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Tracy Farr
3xx Osceola Avenue South
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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Amy Brendmoen,

Cities all over the world realize that having separated bike trails in dense urban population makes sense, for bicyclists and auto drivers alike. Let's finish what we started and let us help you! Let's do this together!!

Melissa Wenzel
6xx Burlington Road
St Paul, Minnesota 55119

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Amy Brendmoen,

Please complete the loop in downtown. I live in Lowertown and I bike almost every day. I have a good friend who moved here last year from Eagan and she would like to bike here, but does not feel safe doing so. The lack of bike infrastructure hurts both the economy and the livability of downtown.

Roberta Avidor
2xx East 4th St.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

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John Bailey
17xx Blair
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55117

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Amy Brendmoen,

In the bike plan public feedback, the #1 most requested thing was NOT the Grand Round. It was making downtown accessible by bike. Ironically, downtown and the area around the capital of Minnesota are the most horrible places to bike in Minnesota. This is because downtown is isolated from all its neighborhoods by the freeway spaghetti and trenches of I-94, I-35 and State Highways 52 and 5. The downtown loop and spurs was designed to bridge these trenches and make downtown safe to bike in. BUILD IT ASAP. If you lack funds, then do some stuff on the cheap, on an interim basis. For example, just use some old jersey barriers to create a protected bikeway on St. Peter (as called for in the plan) from John Ireland to at least 10th street. Get the "Artist in Residence" at Public Works or some other arts group to decorate and paint the barriers. Poof! you'd have an instant Capital City Bikeway spur. Once funding becomes available you can build it in its final form ...but we need access to downtown now! Thanks.

Andrew Singer
21xx Berkeley Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105

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Thank you,

Tom Beach
1xxx Como Blvd East – Ward 5
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55117

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Eric Saathoff
6xx Wells St
St. Paul, Minnesota 55106