

Moser, Lynn (CI-StPaul)

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To: Moser, Lynn (CI-StPaul)
Cc: Julia Burgess
Subject: Virginia Street - Dayton to Marshall - Project

Lynn,

I was told by Amy Spong and the others at the last hearing regarding this project that you would be the person to contact regarding the assessment and its methodology.

While my wife and I are in agreement that the street is in need of repair, we feel that the assessment methodology based purely on street frontage is inappropriate and inequitable. We are a single residence, with two cars and adequate off-street parking, yet we are being assessed the same as a commercial apartment building with 15-20 residences located across the street. That building along with the two 5 unit buildings on the end of the block create far more traffic (i.e. wear and tear) and use up all of the on-street parking. The owners of those buildings will see far more benefit and use from the improvements than we will, and we only feel it is fair and equitable that the assessment reflects this fact.

Furthermore, at least half of the traffic on Virginia is the residents of the Aberdeen who, unless they happen to be coming from downtown St Paul up Marshall, all use Virginia to access their parking ramp. There should be a proper way of allocating some of the improvement costs to the residents of that building as they will also directly receive/appreciate the benefits ... and I would assume most if not all of the complaints driving the proposed improvements have come from residents of the Aberdeen.

I will be attending tonight's hearing as well, but I wanted to get these comments to you in advance. Please let me know if you would like to discuss further.

Regards,
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