

Dear Council members,

My name is Matt Atana. I am the owner of a grocery store (Rivertown Market) on Wabasha ST North. The address of the store is 437 Wabasha ST North. I am writing you because I am deeply concerned about the negative impact this will have on businesses on the street, including ours, and our employees.

Here is my position on the proposed bike path on Wabasha ST N:

1. I am not convinced that there is a good business case for a bike path through Wabasha ST, the street is mostly a commercial street. The path is therefore more suited for a different street.
2. A lot of customers for the Candy store and our store (plus the Children Museum), as well as Delivery trucks etc ... mainly use our side of the street for parking (very active street parking), since the bus uses the other side (parking spots there are also very active), and I just don't see how the city can fit a bike path there.
3. Also, I haven't seen a noticeable presence of bikers using the street (at all), at least not on Wabasha, to really justify the need.

For all the reasons above, again I am not seeing a convincing business case for a bike path on Wabasha ST N. and firmly oppose it.

Thanks & Regards,

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