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To: [*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)
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Good afternoon,

I am unable to attend this meeting as it is taking place during regular working hours, but I would like to express concerns about shortcomings in pedestrian infrastructure that could/should be addressed by this project, but that do not seem to be part of the overall plan.

This neighborhood has nice sidewalk infrastructure, but severely lacks in marked crosswalks. This is true not just of slower residential streets, but Cleveland and Cretin as well. According to Minnesota statute (169.21 subd. 2), vehicles must stop and yield to pedestrians at intersections with no marked crosswalk. But in practice this rarely, if ever happens. Car drivers do not regularly stop at these intersections and the city should make it clear who has priority. In the City of St. Paul's 2040 plan, pedestrian infrastructure and safety is mentioned numerous times, yet when it comes time to put those ideals into practice, the City is coming up short.

I applaud the City's efforts to make pedestrian ramps ADA compliant, but please don't stop at that half measure. I would ask the council to consider including painted crosswalks at all intersections, but particularly those crossings going north/south along Cretin and Cleveland, where drivers regularly roll right through the unmarked crossing space.

Make crossings clear to both drivers and pedestrians and take a not-so-small step towards making our streets safer for everyone.

Thank you,
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