

TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE ASSESSMENTS FOR LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT

Elected City council members,

October 12, 2014

The public notice sent to me to consider the ratification of assessments for light rail transit on University Ave. to the benefited property Owners. No one has shown or convinced me that the property owners will or have benefit from these added extras to light rail.

Over three years ago You approved these extras and you were going to try to find the money to pay for them elsewhere. I noticed that less than a quarter of the amount was found but it is not only the money in question but the fairness of who is being taxed for these extras.

Over the last three years I have had the opportunity to speak to hundreds of my customers about these assessments and not one person thought that the business on university should pay for a light rail extra decoration.

The above standard lighting is also misleading, It has not improved our lighting quality from three years ago.

The city has proposed to collect these moneys over a period of 20 years added to our property tax and of course the 4.25% interest. You could add 25 cents to the a light rail ticket over a 20 year period to pay for the extra decoration.

What about the bicycle racks along light rail, I can't seem to find some one who knows the cost in putting them in. Who benefits from them? who has even uses them? Do bicycle owners pay a fee or buy a license to pay for all the benefits they get? My wife and I love bicycling and are willing to pay our share for our benefits, but these racks on light rail were not necessary.

I strongly Urge you NOT TO APPROVE the assessments and like you "promised" to find the moneys some where else.

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