

Chris,

I wanted to write you to reiterate my support for passing the Bike Plan. This process has been ongoing since 2011 and now 4 years after starting to develop the plan and after a robust public input process is ready to be passed. As someone who along with my wife uses a bicycle for many if not most of our trips into, out of and throughout the city of St. Paul this is an exciting step for the city and one that is much needed in making it more bike friendly, competitive, healthy, and livable.

I am also super excited about the downtown loop and spur network. As I know you are well aware Downtown St. Paul offers nothing in terms of safe, or connected bicycle facilities. The Loop and spur network is a great vision to provide much needed bicycle connections to Downtown as well as facilities once cyclists reach downtown. It will also provide a great opportunity to create some unique downtown spaces along the facilities. I look forward to the additional public process that will help form a more defined route through Downtown.

Both my wife and I were glad to see arterial streets that serve as choke points and also offer many destinations be recommended as Major Bikeways with in-street separated lanes. Both 7th St and University are crucial connections for people on bicycles.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the city councils full support of this plan.

Sincerely,

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