

I am one of many people concerned over the proposition idea of closing Charles Ave., at Snelling Ave for a bike path.

I am sending you this letter to voice my concerns over what the city is proposing for this corner. Having bike paths in the city is wonderful in many respects. It is where you are attempting to locate this one and what it will do to the surrounding area and business that concerns me.

There is a bike path now at Minnehaha and Snelling Ave. Why would you close off another street going into Snelling Ave when a path is located on Minnehaha, just a short distance away? Why would the city consider spending more monies for this project when there are so many other worthy pressing needs in our city?

During my childhood, I was raised on the corner of Snelling and Charles. Having clear access to Snelling Ave is vital for the business on that corner. If the city closes off Charles Ave., at Snelling, you will risk causing the closing of a business that has been on that corner since 1916. I am referring to the publication in the [Sunday](#), Pioneer Press issue regarding the Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home.

Why would the city want to make life more difficult for grieving families to try to navigate thru the neighborhood? You would be creating so much additional traffic on local streets as people tried to find their way to the funeral home. For the most part, you have many senior people coming to the funeral home. Closing off Charles Ave., would confuse their route and make it impossible for some.

Having the corner of Snelling Avenue and Charles Ave. is vital to the funeral home.

Why would the city want to be responsible for closing down a business located on that corner for such a long time? Would the closing down of this business be worth a bike path?

There is a bike path right now at Minnehaha Ave., and Snelling. What more do you need? There are stop lights at this corner making it safe to cross the street. There is also Thomas

Ave., and Snelling Ave. It also has stop lights making it a safe corner to cross. Why would you not use either of these locations which already established?

Why would you think it would be safe for anyone to cross at Snelling and Charles Ave., where there is NO stop light? Why would the city want to make life harder for people living on Charles Ave with their access to Snelling Ave cut off? Why would you want traffic in this neighborhood to increase as people try to navigate around this street closing?

What about all of the other projects in this city that need attention? What about feeding people and getting more people off the street? What about hiring back our policemen, firemen, paramedics, and school teachers? What about the school programs? What about spending money on worthwhile issues? All we hear about is the shrinking federal funds. Where is the city coming up with all of the monies to spend on these non-essential projects?

What about doing something worthy instead of strangling a well-established business to death?

Please, let's use some common sense and look at what you already have in place, Minnehaha Ave. or Thomas Ave. There are alternatives other than destroying the businesses on Snelling Ave.

Sincerely,

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