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Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 12:17 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Support the Stillwater Ave Bikeway

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From: Andy Leitz [<mailto:info@actionnetwork.org>]
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 12:30 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: I Support the Stillwater Ave Bikeway

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Thanks,

Andy

Andy Leitz

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From: Greg Loper [<mailto:info@actionnetwork.org>]

Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 1:24 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

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Daniel Choma (NOT ST PAUL CONSTITUENT)

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2815 42nd Avenue South, 2

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Dan Bostrom,

Please acknowledge my support for bike lanes on Stillwater Ave. Complaints at the last meeting indicated lack of connections as a reason not to proceed. But as the Grand Round gets closer to completion, this stretch will help pave the way for cyclists like myself to access Beaver Lake and surrounding amenities.

Just because they do not connect today, doesn't mean we shouldn't start paving the way to what will likely be a desirable connection in the future. Please do not make decisions today that detriment access and safety in the future.

Thank you,

James Cowles

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Andrew Singer

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2103 Berkeley Avenue

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105

From: Britta Sherrill [mailto:
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 10:56 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Stillwater Avenue Bike Lanes

Dear Councilmember Prince,

As a resident of Ward 7, I'd like to voice my concern over the recent City Council vote to put the Stillwater Ave bike lanes on hold. Now is not the time to push vital infrastructure improvements to some "future date." Bicycle infrastructure in the City of Saint Paul is severely lacking, and it shows the most on the Eastside. Please reconsider your vote to hold off on the bike lanes. We should not be preserving parking, we should be encouraging alternative means of transportation to create a more sustainable Ward and City.

Thank you for your consideration.

Britta Sherrill
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From: Daniel Choma []
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 4:06 PM
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400 Spring St

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From: Andrew Singer [

Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2017 12:46 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

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Andrew Singer

2103 Berkeley Avenue

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105

From: Steven Malikowski [mailto:info@

Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2017 8:34 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: Support the Stillwater Ave Bikeway

Jane Prince,

Hello,

I'm writing to ask you to support the Stillwater Avenue Bikeway. About ten years ago, I drove my car everywhere, even to the gym. Eventually, I saw the irony in that and started running, cancelled my gym membership, and saved a few dollars. Cycling was a natural next step. These days, I take most of my short trips by bike. I save a few more dollars on car costs, keep some pounds off, and best of all, the little workout on my bike is refreshing.

Of course, there are risks to cycling, so I wear bright colors, watch carefully for cars, and always take trails or slow roads. That leads me back to the Stillwater Avenue Bikeway. St. Paul's East side has very few cycling options, so the benefit of the Stillwater Avenue Bikeway would be especially strong, for new and experienced cyclists. I hope you support this bikeway, and even more, I hope you spend some time on your bike this autumn. It's a simple, low-cost, and wonderful way to enjoy our wonderful city.

Respectfully,

Steven R Malikowski

Steven Malikowski

1887 Grand Ave, Apt 1

St. Paul, Minnesota 55105

From: Danette Allrich [

Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2017 2:01 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: Support the Stillwater Ave Bikeway

Jane Prince,

Please re-consider voting against this bike lane project. I am speaking specifically to Ms. Jane Prince and Mr. Dan Bostrom. As representatives that were elected to serve the "greater" portion of the East Side, I would think each of you knows how important this is. The more bike lanes we have, the safer it is for people that use bikes. The more safer it is, the more people will bike. IT IS A WIN-WIN. It is 2017, your constituents deserve all of the investments in our portion of the city that we can get. This is one of the easier ones. VOTE YES!!! Thank you so much.

Danette Allrich

386 Case Avenue

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55130

From: Elizabeth Wefel [mailto:info@actionnetwork.org]
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2017 7:20 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Support the Stillwater Ave Bikeway

Jane Prince,

Dear Council Members,

Though I live in Mac Groveland, I love biking on the East Side - to visit friends, restaurants, and the sites. Being safe when I bike there is important which is why I support the Stillwater Ave Bikeway and ask that you move it forward.

It's not all about me, however, and a more important reason to support is that the East Side is lacking in safe bike routes and facilities. Not everyone can drive and our city needs to support those who bike to work, to school, to see family. The East Side is important. Its citizens deserve the same safe facilities that we see in other parts of the city.

Please support the Stillwater Ave Bikeway.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Wefel

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444 Warwick Street

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105

From: Tyler Teggatz [mailto:info@actionnetwork.org]
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2017 8:47 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Support the Stillwater Ave Bikeway

Jane Prince,

Good evening,

Please vote in favor of the proposed Stillwater Avenue Bikeway. Building a well-connected bike infrastructure system is not going to happen all at once. It takes a commitment to small projects across the city that will create the network of safe routes for people to move around by bike.

Thanks,

Tyler Teggatz

2031 Itasca Ave (ward 3)

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55116

From: Jake Rueter [mailto:info@actionnetwork.org]
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2017 4:52 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Support the Stillwater Ave Bikeway

Jane Prince,
Greetings,

My name is Jake Rueter and I am a frequent cyclist who lives in Saint Paul. I'm writing in support of the proposed bike facilities associated with Stillwater Ave. My wife and I often bike to shops, restaurants, and cafes in our spare time, but currently do not bike to this area due to the lack of bike facilities. This project will close an important gap in Saint Paul's bike network.

Thank you for your ongoing support of sustainable transportation in our city.

Sincerely,

Jake Rueter
13XX Blair Ave
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104

From: Michael Green [mailto:
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 9:49 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward6 <Ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Proposed Bike Lanes on Stillwater Ave

I've lived in this area for over 30 years and am on that stretch of Stillwater Ave just about every day, driving or riding.

Are there alternative streets with a lower traffic volume and slower speeds that would work and without impeding traffic or creating unnecessary risk?

Case Ave perhaps?

That being said, that stretch of Stillwater Ave is in desperate need of a mill and overlay.

I frequently ride around Beaver Lake and use the...existing paved bike path. 3-5 times per week I ride to Snap Fitness on Century and Stillwater and use the...existing paved bike path.

Thank you.

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Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 12:30 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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From: Scott19eighty1 . [mailto:scott.19eighty1@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 5:19 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Bike lanes on Stillwater ave.

Jane,

I'm sorry I missed you last week when you stopped by to discuss the proposed bike lanes on Stillwater Avenue. As someone who drives, walks, and cycles Stillwater on a daily basis, I wanted to give you my take on the proposed lanes.

Just so you know where my perspective is coming from, I'll give you a little history about how I got into cycling.

I cycle 3-4+ times a week. I moved to the east side from an area that had many off-street paths, which was where I did most of my riding at the time. After I moved here, and due to the lack of bicycle infrastructure on the east side, I had to learn how to ride my bike in traffic. It was quite frightening at first. As my confidence grew, I started riding busier and busier streets and eventually had the courage to start using roads with bike lanes such as Ruth, Johnson, and Summit. Fast forward a few years, and I now consider myself a fairly confident rider. But even to this day, I am hesitant to ride down a busy road if there isn't a bike lane on it. One of the arguments I hear from people that oppose bike infrastructure on the east side is that "no one bikes here". I can't really say those people are wrong. There are certainly fewer cyclists on the east side than in other parts of the city, but we should really be asking ourselves why the numbers of cyclist are so much lower on the east side. In my opinion, it is due to a lack of safe places to ride a bicycle. I firmly believe that if the infrastructure is put in place, more and more people will gain the confidence they need to use that infrastructure. There are many studies out there that back up my belief. In my experience, I have found one of the biggest conflict points between motorists and cyclists to be unpredictability on the cyclist. Cyclists make motorists nervous because they have trouble predicting what path the cyclist is going to follow as he/she is riding in the road. A bike lane makes for a clear visual representation on where the cyclist should be, which reduces conflict and anxiety in both the rider and driver. This is the reason why I try and stick to roads with dedicated lanes.

So now that you know my position on bike lanes, I suspect it will be no shock to you that I fully support the proposed lanes on Stillwater. I was disappointed to read your comments that stated that you "didn't feel the lanes connected to other bike facilities" and I disagree. To the northwest of Stillwater, there is the pedestrian bridge over the RR tracks that connects to the Old railcar trail which takes you all the way to the city limits on Larpenteur. Maplewood also just completed a trail from the terminus of the Old railcar trail on Larpenteur north to a block short of 7 ave in North ST Paul (which also just received bike lanes) and the Gateway trail. To the east, there is the trail that runs down Stillwater on the Oakdale side which is a very popular return route from Stillwater that connects to other trails to the east like Hadley and Helmo. There is also the Mcknight trail to the east. To the south is the Ruth street bike lanes, which would greatly benefit from the N to S connection to the Old railcar trail. To the west, well, there's not

much there. It's one of those huge gaps in infrastructure that the East side is known for. A safe way to ride to Phalen would be amazing. I'd be happy to bring you on a bike tour of the area sometime to point out these connections.

One of the other benefits of bike lanes would be the narrower lanes and the calming effect they provide. This is one of the huge benefits I have noticed on Upper Afton. That road used to be a racetrack, and since the lanes were narrowed, things have slowed down significantly. Stillwater, like most of the streets in STP has it's share of speeders. As you know, it is also a truck route. I have never seen a (semi) truck speed down the road. I find these drivers to be professional. Ruth street is also much busier. The bike lanes work just fine on Ruth.

As far as the parking issue goes- The data shows an extremely low usage rate. My antedotal daily-observations back up this data. Most of the businesses along the route have their own lots. Are we really going to let a 9% usage rate kill a project? I realize the usage rate is higher in spots, but I don't believe this should be a deal breaker.

Sorry for the length of this, I hope you will reconsider your vote when this issue comes back up.

Sincerely,
Scott Duffy
Ward 7

-----Original Message-----

From: Andy Singer [mailto:andy@andysinger.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 3:43 AM
To: rabarbosa@comcast.net
Cc: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Stillwater Avenue

Dear Rob,

The Saint Paul Bicycle Coalition has met every month for almost eight years. A lot of people including myself have put in thousands of hours of their time trying to get and implement a city-wide bike plan. Despite being on the SPBC mailing list since our inception, you've shown up just once, nearly eight years ago to get us to turn out for a District Council hearing and vote on Furness Parkway. We did and, at your request, we wrote to city officials urging them to approve it.

Now, at the last minute, having not participated in any discussions, you appear at a public hearing and help convince Council Members Bostrom and Prince to kill a funded bikeway that would connect to Furness Parkway, that was approved on the city's Bikeways Plan in 2015, that held open-houses, sent out notices to residents and businesses and used up hundreds of hours of volunteer time, staff time and public money-- money that you and I pay for in property taxes.

Your reasons for doing this are illogical-- that you prefer Case Avenue for "children" and that "Stillwater doesn't connect to anything." Case Avenue is ALREADY on the city's Bikeways Plan as "enhanced shared lanes"

(see link below). If you worked to get it funded and striped instead of blocking other bikeways, then children could ride on it all they want--

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Under your leadership, the old Bicycle Advisory Board became totally dysfunctional, accomplished almost nothing and was disbanded. Since then, you've operated in a vacuum, in your tiny corner of the city and have made almost no effort to reach out to or communicate with other cycling advocates. Now, for bizarre reasons, at the last possible minute, you've helped to kill a funded bikeway on which a lot of volunteer and staff time (and money) was spent. Good advocacy requires communicating with other people. What you did was a disappointing, frustrating waste of everyone's time and money.

Sincerely,

Andy Singer (former co-chair of the Saint Paul Bicycle Coalition).
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651-917-3417

From: Emily [Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 11:22 AM]
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Please vote for the Stillwater Bikeway project

Hello Councilmember Prince,

Please vote to approve the proposed Stillwater Bikeway project. This is my main commuting route via bike to work and in it's current condition it is unsafe for bicycles with bus and vehicle traffic and deteriorated pavement.

This is a very important public works project to support the health of residents on the east side and beyond. It is sorely needed and I am counting on you to advocate for the full build-out of complete streets whenever the opportunity arises.

Feel free to contact me with any questions - I am eagerly anticipating the improvements on this key roadway!

All the best,
Emily Shively
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St. Paul 55106

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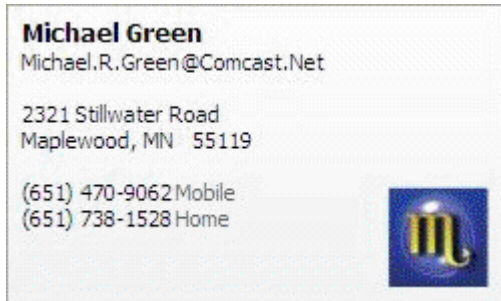
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Case Ave perhaps?

That being said, that stretch of Stillwater Ave is in desperate need of a mill and overlay.

I frequently ride around Beaver Lake and use the...existing paved bike path. 3-5 times per week I ride to Snap Fitness on Century and Stillwater and use the...existing paved bike path.

Thank you.



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Sam Wills – Ward 3 Constituent - Called

1. He supports the South Snelling Zoning project – development is good for both the tax base and the neighborhood.
2. Stillwater Bike Path – it's a good project and hopes it can move forward. It will unlock assets already there, Beaver Lake and the Hazel Park ballfield to name a few.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 8:19 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Support the Stillwater Ave Bikeway

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