



**CITY OF SAINT PAUL**  
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**TO:** Saint Paul City Council

**SUBJECT:** 8-80 Vitality Fund: Bicycle Lane Striping Program

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### **Project Description**

The 8-80 Vitality Fund proposes using \$400,000 for bike lane striping from the \$9.5 million line item allocated for Streets and Public Spaces. The funding is intended to work towards implementation of the recently adopted Saint Paul Bicycle Plan, to be used for projects that can be implemented quickly using only signs and pavement markings, such as bike lanes.

Three projects that will be funded have previously been reviewed and approved by City Council. Each of these projects were identified because they are adjacent to planned resurfacing work to be completed in 2015. Work on these projects is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2015. The three previously approved projects include:

- Lexington Parkway (RES PH 15-163),
- Western Avenue (RES PH 15-264)
- State Street/Oakdale Ave (RES PH 15-265)

### **Project Goals**

The bike lane striping will implement bike lanes and other quickly implementable projects in the Saint Paul Bicycle Plan in 2015 and 2016. Installation of bicycle facilities helps improve safety for people riding bicycles.

### **Fund Flexibility**

At this time, a full list of projects that will be funded through the bicycle lane striping fund has not been identified. While the projects mentioned above have been fully developed and can be implemented yet in 2015, other projects are more complex and will require additional time and coordination to develop. City staff will continue working with Council Members to determine appropriate bike lane projects to use the remaining portion of the \$400,000.

City staff proposes using the prioritization principles presented in the Saint Paul Bicycle Plan to identify which projects should be included in this program. The following characteristics should be considered to help prioritize projects:



- Projects that close gaps in the existing bikeway network
- Projects that offer substantial benefits at a relatively low cost
- Projects that leverage or extend other funding sources, such as resurfacing or reconstruction projects
- Projects that can be easily implemented on a short timeline

### **Public Involvement**

For each of projects identified where implementation impacts travel lanes or on-street parking, public works will conduct a public involvement effort to communicate the proposed impacts and benefits to neighborhood residents and stakeholders and to seek feedback regarding the proposed project. Public involvement efforts would include, at a minimum, sending a mailer to adjacent property owners, establishing a project website, and holding an open house event to collect feedback.

### **Potential Projects**

Subject to further exploration and engineering, the following projects have been identified as potential uses for the funds:

- Charles Ave/University Ave/Aldine Ave – Raymond Ave to Charles Ave
- Como Ave – U of M Transitway to Snelling Ave
- Como Ave – Nagasaki Road to Dale Street
- Minnehaha Ave – Pierce Butler Route to Dale Street
- Ruth St/Algonquin Ave/Case Ave/Hazel St – Minnehaha Ave to Furness Pkwy.

Projects may be added or removed from this list pending additional study until funding is exhausted.

**Figure 1** identifies the projects that have previously been approved by Council to be installed using these funds along with the existing bikeways. It also identifies projects that have tentatively been identified as potential uses for the fund subject to further engineering study and public involvement.



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## Legend

- Existing Bicycle Facilities
- Previously Approved 8-80 Vitality Fund Bicycle Lane Striping Project
- Potential 8-80 Vitality Fund Bicycle Lane Striping Project Subject to further Study
- Other 2015 City of Saint Paul Resurfacing or Reconstruction Project with Bicycle Facilities
- Other 2015 Ramsey County Resurfacing or Reconstruction Project with Bicycle Facilities

### Notes:

- 1) This map does not depict 2015 City or County resurfacing or reconstruction projects where bicycle facilities are not proposed, or where existing bicycle facilities are reconstructed.
- 2) This map does not depict potential 2016 City or County resurfacing or reconstruction projects that may include proposed bicycle facilities.

**Figure 1**  
**Proposed 8 - 80 Bicycle**  
**Lane Striping Fund**  
**Projects**



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