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**To:** Spencer, Joe (CI-StPaul)

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**Subject:** 6th Street sidewalk enlargement

Dear Mr. Spencer,

Councilwoman Brendmoen suggested I raise the following issue with you--

I am a volunteer co-chair of the Saint Paul Bicycle Coalition. In our monthly meeting this past Tuesday night, everyone was dismayed at the sidewalk enlargement proposal downtown on 6th street. Except for two blocks of Jackson (which don't connect to anything), there is not a single bike lane in all of downtown. Not one. The shared bus-bike lane proposal (designed to accommodate the sidewalk widening), doesn't satisfy a lot of folks who've nearly been hit by buses. Also there is resentment that bike lanes were recommended in at least two past plans and the mayor/council are willing to throw those plans out (in favor of a more recent one) ...just because 2 businesses want patio seating. If Bulldog and the other bar just enlarged the sidewalk to 13 or 14 feet, there'd be enough room for a bike lane ...but they insist on 18 feet. I don't understand why they don't just get one of those temporary platforms and put it in a couple of their parking spaces with cafe seating like they do in New York and San Francisco. See--  
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/sidewalks/streetseats.shtml>  
<http://sfpavementtoparks.sfplanning.org/>

6-8 months of the year no one will even be using outdoor seating! Temporary platforms would be better because the two bars would get the parking space(s) back in the winter. Meanwhile, it preserves the possibility of a real bike lane.

Thank you for your Consideration.

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