

March 18, 2016

City of St. Paul

Office of Financial Services

1000 City Hall Annex

St. Paul, Mn 55102

SUBJECT: PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION

PARCIL ID: 34-29-22-24-0020

PROPERTY TAX DESCRIPTION: MORAVEC ADDITION NO. 2 LOT 16 BLOCK MORAVEC ADDITION NO. 2
LOT 16 BLOCK

ADDRESS: 1535 3RD ST E

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing in regard to the proposed street Rehabilitation on third Street between Johnson Parkway and White Bear Avenue (2016 SPS Project).

I am at a loss as to why the residents have to pay this assessment, in view of the fact that hundreds, maybe thousands, of vehicles pass through here every day. There are dozens of garbage trucks, metro buses, school buses, casino buses, semi - trucks, flatbed trucks carrying heavy loads, gravel trucks, delivery trucks, hundreds of cars/trucks daily going back & forth to Harding High School, vehicles detouring off the I-94 Freeway backing up traffic for long periods of time.

The home owners are getting billed for something that should be paid for by the all of the taxes that we are paying. It was my understanding that road/street maintenance would be paid by the gas tax, vehicle license and driver license fees. If these fees aren't being used for street/road repairs, then we should not have to pay these taxes.

Not only are we paying the above taxes, we are paying Federal tax, State tax, City tax, County tax, Real Estate tax, Sales tax, taxes on cable TV, internet, phone, garbage, water, electric, heating gas, environment, misc license fees, permits, misc fees. We are being taxed to death and we are still expected to pay more. Just where do you think we are supposed to get the money from?

Some of the State of Minnesota's 900 Million dollar surplus should be used for bridge, road and street construction, and repair.

The City of St. Paul should stop wasting the taxpayer's money on unnecessary spending. For example: paying over \$40,000 to move the Superintendent of Schools, Valeria Silva, from Woodbury to St Paul, and paying her bonus'es for doing a terrible job. This would have gone a long way in paying for street repairs. Even thinking about subsidizing the soccer stadium and wasting more taxpayer dollars is wrong. There were probably other wasteful spending that we are not aware of.

When we first purchased this house in December 1973, Third Street was a "No Truck Zone". I don't know when that changed. I am the only one living in this house and I should not be billed thousands of dollars for other vehicles using Third Street.

It is bad enough that we may be charged connection fees, let alone construction assessment fees.

I suggest that you use the taxes that we already paid, for this street rehabilitation.

Sincerely,


Alice E. MacLennan

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