

Bike Plan public comment

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Thank you,

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Hello Councilmembers,

I am unable to attend the meeting today, but I want to express my strong support of both the St. Clair rezoning to T3 and the bicycle plan updates.

I live on St. Clair just a few blocks from Snelling, and would love to see more dense development in my area, particularly including apartment buildings and retail.

I bike to work every day from Mac-Groveland, through downtown St. Paul, and over to Battle Creek. While we have some areas with great infrastructure, such as the bike lanes on Upper Afton, there are also a lot of gaps. The St. Paul Bicycle plan is an invaluable framework for increasing safety and accessibility in our city. The Capital City Bikeway in particular will be a crucial link for my commute.

Thank you all for your work,

Jenny Werness

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Jane Prince,

Please help make cycling safer for everyone!

As a new St. Paul resident (and a former Minneapolis resident) it was quickly evident upon moving here that St. Paul has not done enough in the past to ensure the city's streets are safe for all users. I hate to play into the old Minneapolis v. St. Paul rivalry (both are great cities) but Minneapolis really has St. Paul beat on this issue. I miss the buffered bike lanes and separated paths of my former city.

The The Capital City Bikeway plan is a great step in making the streets welcoming to all users.

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Jane Prince,

Please continue the work that has been done so far in making safe bikeways throughout St. Paul.

We need to be a livable city for the future which means we need to find and fund different transportation methods beyond cars which contribute to traffic casualties, pollution and are a huge drain on our taxpayer dollars.

Thank you.

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As construction on the Jackson St leg of the Bikeway nears completion, I urge you to maintain your focus on completing this plan and provide adequate funding to make biking in and through downtown Saint Paul safe and accessible. Also, since funding for the remaining legs has not yet been secured, I encourage you to consider setting up temporary barriers to create the remaining legs with little or no cost while funds are secured for the remaining legs.

Thank you,

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Jane Prince,

Dear Councilpeople and Mayor Coleman,

I am writing in support of completion and funding of the Capital City Bikeway (CCB). I bike to work in downtown Saint Paul and have been hit three times by motor vehicles. All of the places I've been hit are on what should become the CCB. If I were on a protected bikeway, would I have been hit? Perhaps, but biking would be safer with this in place.

I love attending events and dining downtown with my family. My eight-year old son cannot bike downtown right now, causing us to bike to downtown and then walk, or not to come downtown for entertainment. He could bike on a completed CCB. We would spend more of our entertainment dollars downtown if we could bike safely.

Please make this a priority.

Regards,

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You can start by implementing the 4th St leg of the bikeway. 4th St is important as it connects the downtown loop to destinations such as the Union Depot, 12 eyes Brewing, Central Station, employment and other destinations. While there are concerns that 4th street would be redundant to a future leg on Kellogg, it would be no more redundant than any other 2 parallel streets in our current motor vehicle network.

I would also ask that you look at easy low cost implementation options such as flex posts and duct tape striping for short to mid term implementation until funding can be secured for full build out. This is important for creating a livable, accessible and competitive downtown. The network that is planned and the portion that has been already built will set downtown St. Paul ahead of all other urban downtown areas in the US. Do what is right for the environment, city and world by helping finish this downtown network.

Thank you,

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Jane Prince,

Dear elected officials,

Thank you for all your efforts to date to implement the Comprehensive Bike Plan with fidelity in St. Paul. As one who rides year-round for nearly all of my transporation, leisure, exercise, and socialization needs, I am keenly aware of where progress has been made in recent years, and it is substantial!

The Cleveland Ave bike-lanes, Jackson street separated bikeway, Upper-Afton bike-lanes and Wheelock Park separated bikeway are all excellent examples of this progress!

Yet now is not the time to be complacent about continuing with needed improvements. The downtown area, in particular, remains problematic for riders to enter/exit, and to navigate. Continued efforts and funding are needed to finish out the Capital City Bikeway. Configuring 4th St to allow bikes to ride Eastbound between Cedar and N Sibley would also greatly improve rider safety in the downtown.

The vibrant future of St. Paul is going to include a higher proportion of citizens of all ages getting around by bike. Please continue to support that sustainable future!

Thank you!

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Jane Prince,
Please complete the Capital City Bikeway and get temp lanes in sooner than later. The current state of biking downtown is not safe.

<https://youtu.be/Zuh26JxM-mI>

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Jane Prince,

Dear city officials,

I write you as a resident of St. Paul and a bicyclist. I get to my job near downtown on my bike almost every day, and I also regularly bicycle recreationally along the river and trails near downtown.

I appreciate the work that all of you have put into making the city safer for bicyclists of all ages and abilities. But we still have a long way to go, especially near downtown, which can be incredibly daunting for any bicyclist who doesn't like to take their life in their hands at times. Right now, too many purported bicycle connections are flat out unsafe.

As a voter, there is no local issue I care about and base my votes on more than safe streets for everyone. The Capital City Bikeway plan would create world-class bicycle infrastructure in downtown, enabling safe commuting and connections for all.

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Thank you.

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Jane Prince,

Dear elected officials,

As a resident of Minneapolis who works in downtown St. Paul, I would appreciate a more connective bikeway network through the downtown area. The east-west connections are terrific in St. Paul but biking through the center of the city remains a challenge.

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Thank you,

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Jane Prince,

Good bicycle infrastructure makes the city safer and more livable for everyone! Please ensure that the plan is funded and implemented.

Thank you.

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Thank you,

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Jane Prince,

Hi I want to thank you for the progress that has been made in the City bikeway. Please do what ever you can to complete this important project as soon as possible.

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Jane Prince,

Please finish the Capital City Bikeway! The bikeway would create super way to make the downtown area bike friendly. I want to be able to bike to/from work and businesses without feeling like I'll get run over by a car or truck.

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Jane Prince,

Thank you Mayor and City Council members for completing the first leg of the Capital City Bikeway. It looks terrific. Unfortunately, it feels like a road to nowhere. This is the third day this week I have biked downtown - once for the farmers market, twice to eat. It is still terrifying navigating from Summit Hill to Downtown because there are no safe routes through the downtown. Biking down the middle of the street with rush hour traffic and buses on my tail is horrible and unsafe. Please find funding now to complete this plan. Get temporary treatments installed so we're not risking our lives constantly.

Thank you.

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Jane Prince,

Safer cycling helps my business. Having spent over twenty years as a bicycle retailer in the Twin Cities, I'm an obvious advocate for cycling and pedestrian facilities. So here's a \$3million thank you (annual revenue) for building a better city.

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In the bike plan public feedback, the #1 most requested thing was NOT the Grand Round. It was making downtown accessible by bike. Ironically, downtown and the area around the capital of Minnesota are the most horrible places to bike in Minnesota. This is because downtown is isolated from all its neighborhoods by the freeway spaghetti and trenches of I-94, I-35 and State Highways 52 and 5. The downtown loop and spurs was designed to bridge these trenches and make downtown safe to bike in. BUILD IT ASAP. If you lack funds, then do some stuff on the cheap, on an interim basis. For example, just use some old jersey

barriers to create a protected bikeway on St. Peter (as called for in the plan) from John Ireland to at least 10th street. Get the "Artist in Residence" at Public Works or some other arts group to decorate and paint the barriers. Poof! you'd have an instant Capital City Bikeway spur. Once funding becomes available you can build it in its final form ...but we need access to downtown now! Thanks.

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