

From: Amy Schwarz

Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 4:44 PM

To: Collins, Reuben (CI-StPaul); #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7; Tolbert, Chris (CI-StPaul); #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; Prince, Jane (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Pelham/Myrtle/Raymond Bike Lane

Good afternoon,

I am writing in support of the Pelham/Myrtle/Raymond Bike Lane that will be before the City Council on June 7th. I am a member of St. Paul Women on Bikes, a group dedicated to making biking in St. Paul safer and more accessible for all sorts of riders, including women and children. The separate and protected bike lanes will provide safe biking infrastructure for many different types of riders. This route also provides an important connection for cyclists from Mississippi River Road across highway 94 to the business and green line district on University. Finally, this bikeway is an important component of the Grand Round bicycle plan.

I will add that I was part of a group that convened with business owners near Myrtle and Raymond. After a productive and respectful discussion, the group agreed that making Myrtle one way was a good option to address parking concerns, minimize traffic and protect cyclists. I hope you will support the compromise we reached and the Pelham bikeway as presented.

Thank you,

Amy Schwarz
Itasca Avenue
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From: Tyler Teggatz

Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 9:46 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Pelham bike lane and Bike Plan

Dear Councilmember Tolbert,

I am writing in support of the Pelham/Myrtle/Raymond Bike Lane that will be before the City Council on June 7th. The separate and protected bike lanes will provide safe biking infrastructure for many different types of riders.

Also, while you are looking at the bike plan and Capital City Bikeway, I encourage you to do everything you can to make sure the Capital City Bikeway is completed successfully!

Thank you,
Tyler Teggatz
20xx Itasca Ave

From: Forrest D. Fleischman [<mailto:blackspruce@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, June 04, 2017 2:58 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4

Subject: Comment on Pelham Bikeway public hearing

To whom it may concern,

I am writing comments as I will not be able to attend the 6/7/17 public hearing regarding the proposed Pelham bikeway. I commute on this route on a daily basis on my bicycle (and also drive on it frequently as a motorist, and occasionally walk along sections of the route). I am enthusiastic about the proposed changes along Pelham Avenue, which will make the road safer for cyclists and pedestrians. Please make these changes!

I am somewhat concerned about the changes to Myrtle & Raymond south of University. These short road sections are not heavily trafficked, and vehicles move slowly along these two blocks. As a cyclist, my primary concern along these blocks is getting hit by doors opening on parked cars. From looking at the engineering drawings, it is not entirely clear to me whether cyclists will be protected from this risk on the redesigned cycling lanes. I hope that the redesign will protect cyclists from the parked cars - its well documented that doors on parked cars are a more severe threat to cyclists than slow moving traffic on shared roads.

I also am concerned that the parking surveys overestimate the need for street parking in this neighborhood. There has been a large construction project ongoing in this area during the time of the parking survey, and many of the vehicles parked here are obviously related to the construction. Furthermore the construction has closed off a large off-street parking lot adjoining the intersection of Raymond & Myrtle. In fact, as a frequent observer of these streets, I have noticed that the large, off street lots adjoining both sides of Myrtle (as well as neighboring areas of Pelham) are rarely full, and without the construction workers, there would be much more street parking available in this area.

Thank you for doing this concern.

-Forrest

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Forrest Fleischman

From: Marita Bujold
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 10:26 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Cc: David Tierney; Collins, Reuben (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Grand Round

Dear Council member Stark,

At about 7:15 am on Friday 6/2 I left my home on Pelham Blvd to take a morning walk. A cyclist was standing at the curb just south of our driveway. I approached her to ask if she was okay. She told me that she had stopped because her tire was flat. She had hit a piece of the road about 200 yards up the hill while riding south on Pelham. She told me that she was thankful that she had not come off the bike when the tire went suddenly flat.

I learned that she commutes from Lauderdale daily via Pelham and the Greenway to her medical office in St. Louis Park. With no prompting from me, she indicated that this section along Pelham is the most challenging portion of that commute. The combination of the poor road condition and the hill and traffic make this section hazardous. I also learned that despite her regular use of the street, she was not aware that Pelham is part of the Grand Round. She was surprised and alarmed to learn that the City considered the road in adequate condition.

This particular cyclist suffered nothing more than a flat tire. But I have witnessed accidents resulting in broken bones. One young woman told me after her accident that she could not swerve quickly enough to avoid the chunk of pavement that she hit. She came off her bike and broke her arm. The chunk she hit measured more than a foot. We have developed a habit of removing chunks of the road that have come loose to help prevent accidents. Of course, the holes left behind remain a hazard. I think that you will agree that no cyclist should have to navigate around holes and chunks of road while traveling on St Paul's streets.

The plan to add a cycle e track on the east side of Pelham does not address safety issues concerning the condition of the road or the danger of making a left hand turn in traffic. It fails to address the safety concern about volume of traffic on a street adjacent to a public park that is a gathering place for neighbors and visitors alike.

The objectives for the Grand Round are not met by implementing the plan that is proposed. This section of the Grand Round needs to be redesigned to serve needs of the neighborhood and the people who use the route. And the City needs to pursue adequate funding for both the design and construction of the street.

I urge you to recommend to the Council to reject the implementation of this inadequate design for the Pelham section of the Grand Round.

Thank you.

Marita Bujold

From: David Vessel

Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 3:47 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4

Subject: Pelham Blvd: Mississippi River Blvd to Otis

Russ,

Please implement the Pelham Blvd portion of the St. Paul Grand Round. It is an important link between St. Paul's northwestern neighborhoods and the Mississippi Blvd. It is also an important link to the Raymond LRT station and areas south of I-94.

Thanks for listening,

David

David Vessel

From: Jenny Werness
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 3:37 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Subject: Please support the Pelham bikeway

Russ Stark,

Hello,

Please vote yes on the next segment of the Grand Round Loop (Pelham bikeway). It's a crucial link to establish safe bicycling for residents and visitors of all ages, and this link is sure to see a lot of use. We really need safe bicycle routes in St. Paul, and this is the perfect opportunity.

Thank you,
Jenny Werness