

Dear Council Member Stark,

As a Merriam Park resident, I am in favor of more medians along Marshall Avenue. Since the medians went in between Cretin and Finn, I have noticed that traffic is not racing like it had in the past.

My family (husband, 2 minor children and I) enjoy walking to the library or visiting Izzy's Ice Cream on foot and the difference between the thoughtful car traffic alongside the Marshall median compared to the speed of other sections of Marshall is evident to us. Clearly, the traffic calming project is working and we'd like to see more traffic calming projects along Marshall Avenue.

I also enjoy the beauty of the vegetation on the medians and believe that it enhances the livability of Saint Paul. I would love to see even more greenery and gardens added to our city.

The businesses on either side of Marshall between Cleveland and Wheeler should not be affected adversely. In fact, it would encourage safer driving to reach the businesses. Currently, shoppers at Marshall Liquors speed out of the parking lot in their cars to go east on Marshall. I have witnessed many near misses as the drivers try to exit on to the busy street and often times do not yield to oncoming traffic. A median would force drivers to use safer measures to enter and to exit.

Please vote YES for more Marshall medians to enhance the safety and beauty of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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