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To: Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
CC: Public Works Department, City of St. Paul
RE: Ayd Mill Road

The Summit Hill Association (SHA) thanks St. Paul for its recent outreach efforts surrounding the repairs and changes to Ayd Mill Road, and particularly the two presentations posted online.

We appreciate that the City has listened to public concerns regarding the safety of motorists, pedestrians and cyclists, as well as project costs, moving to a three-lane plan instead of two, and careful analysis of existing and future traffic patterns.

Overall, we believe that the current three-lane iteration of the plan for Ayd Mill Road is the preferred solution given the circumstances.

However, we still have concerns about traffic spill-over into the neighborhood and possible mitigation efforts as outlined on slide 31 of the April 6 online presentation. When northbound on Lexington Avenue, it is currently nearly impossible to turn left onto Grand Ave. during rush hour. Additional traffic will exacerbate this problem and removing parking from Lexington would not be a good mitigation solution for our neighborhood. We encourage St Paul to examine the effects of increased traffic on neighborhood roads, and to explore the mitigation strategies listed in the April 6 presentation.

SHA is also concerned for the safety of future cyclists and pedestrians crossing Ayd Mill Rd to reach the new regional trail. We encourage the City to explore options for safer connections to the new trail.

Accordingly, the Summit Hill Association requests to work closely with the City staff that will be examining the increased traffic on neighborhood streets, the accompanying mitigation strategies, and options for a safer connection to the new regional trail.

Regards,

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