

**From:** Jake Mohan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2016 2:16 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward3; #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** I support the Cleveland Avenue bike lanes

Dear Council Members Stark and Tolbert,

I'm writing to express my strong support for the installation of bike lanes on Cleveland Avenue. I'm unable to attend the meeting tonight, so I'm reaching out to you personally.

I work in the Mac-Groveland neighborhood of Saint Paul, and commute there daily by bike from the Longfellow neighborhood in Minneapolis. I use the Marshall Avenue and Summit Avenue bike lanes, which are helpful but incomplete routes. A bike lane on Cleveland would allow me to safely complete my commute with less interference from automobile drivers, who often refuse to share the road when I try to travel between Marshall and Summit Avenue on Cleveland, Fairview, or Cretin.

Apart from my personal investment in the Cleveland Ave bike lane, its installation and accompanying parking mitigation will make the overall character of the neighborhood more livable, and transportation more equitable, than it currently is.

As a longtime Twin Cities resident, I've watched the years of work our region has done increasing transit options, safety, and infrastructure. The St. Paul Bikeway is an integral part of that work, and the Cleveland bike lanes are an intuitive, necessary next step.

That next step has been delayed by opposition along with the usual slow pace of public works, but I'm confident the plan can move forward soon, and I hope tonight's meeting will allow us to implement the plans that have already been made and supported. It will make our community a better place.

Sincerely,  
Jake Mohan