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Subject: Don't Take My Parking on Upper Afton!

We are writing in regards to parking being taken away on Upper Afton. We live 2204 Upper Afton and we do not want our parking taken away for bike lanes. The survey that was done in November wasn't accurate about how many cars are parked on our side of the street. They stopped at 8:00 at night and if it went until 10:00-11:00 at night it would show that there is 5-7 cars every night parked there. Our neighbors are a large family and park in front of our house daily. They have a lot of get togethers pretty much every weekend with large amounts of cars. If you take away my parking across the street we will not have a place to park if we need to use the street. And to compare Ruth street as an example how it works don't make since. They have only total of 14 houses from Upper Afton to Minnehaha ave. That street has a lot more open space then Upper Afton does. So they aren't loosing as much parking space as the people who live on Upper Afton are. And we don't believe that putting bike lanes in will slow the cars down. Were a very busy road and cars do speed down our road and sometimes it's very hard to get out of the driveways during rush hour. We have been counting how many bikes go up and down the road since we went to the meeting. And maybe 4-8 bicyclers use the road and basically it's the same one's every day. Never any family bikers. Why aren't you considering Lower Afton for bike lanes where there isn't any houses for parking being taken away. Or Burns Ave. to Suburban ave to Burns ave again where you already started bike lanes. We are very strongly against our parking being taken away. Thank you for reading.

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EASE DO NOT TAKE OUR PARKING AWAY!!!

Kyle and Jeanne Mortensen

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Subject: Upper Afton Rd

Greetings,

I am writing to express my support for in street separated bike lanes on Upper Afton Rd. This corridor is called out in the city plan with in street separated lanes as well as in the County plan as a county wide connector corridor. Upper Afton provides access to a school, regional park, recreation center, and when coupled with existing and planned facilities connects downtown St. Paul with other major destinations like Sun Ray Shopping Center, 3M and beyond.

I was extremely discouraged to see the revised plan showing in street separated lanes on only the downhill Westbound side of Upper Afton. Not having a dedicated uphill Eastbound lane leaves cyclists exposed when they

are moving slow going up hill and are more vulnerable. As to why staff chose to only include a downhill lane does not make sense and is about as clear a decision as the Mississippi waters seen through a pigs eye. This section of the city needs and deserves safe bicycle infrastructure and on a street with know speed issues that means dedicated space. I hope that you will all support bicycle lanes on both sides of Upper Afton Between Burns and White Bear Ave.

Thank you for your time,
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From: Daniel Choma [<mailto:dachoma@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 12:02 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7; Jim M
Subject: Please put Bike Lanes on Upper Afton Road

Dear Jane and Jim,

When one looks at the statistics for parking, Upper Afton Rd has almost zero cars parked on it on any given day due to the prevalence of driveways.

Removing parking on one side would have no negative side effects and adding a bike lane would drastically improve the quality of life in a city that is on average very young. Property values are also likely to drastically improve.

Also, doing this during a routine mill and overlay makes it cheap and doesn't put the burden on 30 somethings and their property taxes. (Something I personally would appreciate.)

Please: Don't delay and make this cost more money. Don't add unnecessary and expensive extra process to please an irrational uninformed minority. Don't disregard clear empirical data showing this is a very good idea.

This is a no brainer, y'all. Please don't listen to the vocal uninformed minority about parking and put in bike lanes to control speeds on the street and give kids (literally, the future of the city) a safe place to ride their bikes.

Just make this city a good place to raise a family: People are more important than parking.

Dan Choma

From: Judith Hartmann [<mailto:jbhartmann2n@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 10:40 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7
Subject: Upper Afton Road Bike Lanes - Public Hearing May 18, 2016

Regarding the proposal for bike lanes on Upper Afton Road between Burns Avenue and McKnight Road, which is being presented to the City Council on May 18, 2016:

The proposal to remove parking from one side of the roadway is acceptable to us (although allocating 14 feet to bike lanes between White Bear Avenue and McKnight Road seems excessive).

We definitely do not support the option of totally removing on-street parking between White Bear and Burns Avenues, even though we live east of White Bear Avenue. Although on-street parking spaces may not be heavily used, they are still necessary. This is not a busy downtown or transient college student area. We would never buy a house in a neighborhood of this type that did not have on-street parking. Therefore, we believe that removing all on-street parking would result in a decline in that area.

Please consider adding a stop sign on Upper Afton at White Bear Avenue. This could make it safer for bicyclists and pedestrians.

James and Judith Hartmann

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