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Subject: Johnson Parkway

Good afternoon Jane,

It's my understanding, and maybe I got this wrong, that you supported the St Paul Grand Round, including proposed developments on Johnson Parkway. I have a ton of bike friends who won't bike on Johnson Parkway because they don't feel safe. We need more off-street, separated bike trails on the east side and I really, really, really want to see this trail installed so more people can bike around town safely. The stretch that's being proposed is also a stretch of the road that has a very bumpy/cracked portion of the road (south of 94) and I often have to bike in the street and not in the bike lane area, to prevent getting flats or breaking a spoke. It's an area where I don't even feel safe, despite the low number of car drivers that drive between Burns and Phalen Blvd.

Thanks to the Bruce Vento Trail, we have great off-street paved trails north(east) and west of Phalen and Johnson, so this project would allow residents of all ages to connect to Battle Creek Park and Mounds Park. Don't people deserve safe access to these beautiful park systems? Plus, this may encourage more people (and not just me!) to bike to Hmong Village at Phalen Blvd and Johnson Parkway. Because their parking situation is almost always a problem, getting more people to Hmong Village by bike is not only a good, healthy choice, but one that benefits the owners and those who need to park there. Imagine it being a great biking destination!!

Thank you for considering supporting this project, Jane. We need your voice to speak up for safety, accessibility, equity, and multi-modal transportation.

~Melissa