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Subject: FW: Capital City Bikeway Hearing
Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 11:21:18 AM

To: St Paul City Council

I am forwarding the following email request as a public comment on the proposed Capital City Bikeway hearing on March 12, 2021.

I sent an email request on May 4th for further information to consider in my position on the proposed Wabasha street alignment to the project leaders for the bikeway and Wabasha street reconstruction project. I have not received a response from either of them.

In the absence of that information, my position is as follows:

- I previously submitted comments at the last public engagement meeting that I did not believe either St Peter nor Wabasha bikeways were warranted and that the bikeway should connect with Kellogg via the seven corners area to complete the loop.
- If that is rejected, I agree that the Wabasha alignment is the least-worse choice, but I believe the council should consider the questions posed in the following email and review and make public the answers before approving this alignment.

Thank You,
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I viewed your video regarding the choice of Wabasha St for the bikeway, and the notice of the May 12 City Council meeting. There are several questions I would appreciate being answered that either were not covered in the video or weren't clear.

- What types of vehicles can use the bikeways? Obviously bicycles, but what about three wheeled tricycles, E-bikes, E-scooters, motor scooters or bikes, wheelchairs, electric handicap vehicles, golf carts...?
- Have there been traffic studies of the existing bikeways...Jackson and 10th...to indicate the probable use?
- In advance of the restructuring of Wabasha in 2022, will the parking be eliminated and a temporary bikeway be set up?
- The reconstruction of Wabasha calls for the widening of sidewalks. How is this going to impact the ability to maintain two traffic lanes for autos and adequate space for delivery vehicles?

- Has the planned addition of streetcars on 5th and 6th street been considered? That project will also eliminate most parking on those streets west of Cedar st. and constrict traffic. Are the project teams in communication to consider over-all traffic issues in the downtown prior to implementing permanent changes?
- What is the additional cost for adding permanent bike paths in the reconstruction of the street. What is the additional cost of maintenance for snow removal, street cleaning etc?
- How are the additional costs to be paid for? Will users be required to pay fees? Property or sales tax increases on downtown residents?

Thank you for responding to these questions.

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