



June, 24, 2014

Saint Paul City Council
Attn: Michelle Beaulieu
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Wuollet Bakery is aware of the Streetcar Feasibility Study that the City of St. Paul is currently engaged in. In reviewing the information presented in the study and trying to be informed of its progress, I would like to share our opposition to Streetcars in St. Paul and especially on Grand Avenue. The reasons for our opposition are the costs of such a project and the impact on neighborhoods and on established businesses during construction.

Along with other negatives, the impact of lost parking spaces, increased taxes, and disruption of business seem to far outweigh the positive aspects mentioned in the study. One of the two reasons given for Streetcars "to be very effective is stimulating development" does not seem necessary or desirable on Grand Avenue.

As business owners, we would ask the City of St. Paul to reconsider moving forward with further studies. Other areas and aspects of the City could use funding and focus. We do not believe streetcars should be a top priority.

Thank you,
On behalf of Wuollet Bakery,

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