

Hello. My name is Sue Shetka. My address is 1285 Osceola Avenue. This call is about the Ayd Mill Road project. This COVID-19 pandemic has caused the 2020 economic recession, which some folks are calling an economic depression. Once this pandemic subsides and ends, it will take some time for our economy to rebound and recover. I'm a low-income senior citizen on a fixed income. My property taxes have skyrocketed past the moon. Year after year, I struggle to pay. My outrage is unaffordable property taxes hoping not to become homeless. I cannot afford a computer and internet service. The \$7.5 Million Ayd Mill Road project does not reign in City spending. Besides myself, many more St. Paul property taxpayers cannot afford any more property tax increases, nor do we want more neighborhood traffic. We already have extra traffic due to the Summit Avenue bridge above Ayd Mill being rebuilt. We don't want extra permanent traffic. We can only afford a simple mill and overlay project on Ayd Mill Road, not the \$7.5 million dollar project that seems to be for the benefit of more Eaganites than St. Paulites. Eagan is one of ten Minnesota cities with the lowest property taxes. Not St. Paul. The \$7.5 Million Ayd Mill Road project plan must be put in the trash can.

This is Ray Grills, 1392 Stanford. Why don't you people fix our existing roads that are just about deteriorated to the point where you can't drive on them and just put this Ayd Mill thing on the side? We've got more important issues with the streets that we got now. Hamline Avenue is treacherous. You people got to get your priorities in order.

Hello. My name is Greg Roadler (phonetic). We had a business on Grand Avenue for 35 years. I've lived in St. Paul my whole life. I've been listening about Ayd Mill for that long. And some of the things that I think should have been done long ago is the connection on 35 be open to trucks, for one, which it should have been right from the very get go. And then the connections could have been done all along with Ayd Mill to 94 at least coming from Minneapolis South and going north from Eagan towards Minneapolis, a direct connection. And then they could have even made a park on the top of Ayd Mill with people being able to walk and have a green space up above almost having the Ayd Mill underneath that whole stretch or a lot of it all the way from Summit even down past towards Jefferson.

Hi. This is Julene Hartfiel at 1356 Ashland Avenue, Saint Paul. I would have the Council vote no on the three-lane Ayd Mill Road design.

My name is Maureen Dugan. My address is 1230 Osceola Avenue, Saint Paul, 55105. I am calling about the Ayd Mill Road three-lane redesign. I am against the three-lane design. I believe that you should keep it for 4 lanes and just do the overlay that was originally scheduled at \$3.5 Million. I can't see why we need another bike lane when that road is used extensively every single day by many motorists. Again, I am against the three-lane redesign, and I think it should be just stayed at the 4 lanes and the overlay done.

Hello. I would like to leave a comment about the redesign of Ayd Mill Road. While I appreciate your investigating these opportunities, I feel very strongly that it would not be a good decision for the residents of that area. I use Ayd Mill Road frequently and the adjoining highways, and I think that cutting off some of the lane would make for much more congestion in the City than we would like. So,

thank you very much for the opportunity to make a comment. And my name is Helen Wagner, and I live in Saint Paul at 111 Kellogg Boulevard East, downtown Saint Paul.

Hello. My name is Virginia Juffer. Address is 2498 Beverly Road, Saint Paul, 55104, in the Desnoyer Park area. I'm calling in relation to public input on the three-lane redesign of Ayd Mill Road. I would say that I'm pleased you are using updated statistics in terms of traffic. I am pleased that you are also keeping two lanes open for going south; however, I would prefer you please keep 4 lanes open in order for people to move from narrowing down situation as occurs when coming along Marshall Avenue and Lake Street as you proceed from Lake onto Marshall Avenue coming into Saint Paul. It's an absolute bottleneck. The same is going to occur at heavy traffic times going north. So I encourage you to please keep 4 lanes for automobile traffic. I take care of grandchildren living in Rosemount, and at times I do have to move when there is heavy traffic and it is hugely a bottleneck. And I also visit a friend often who lives in Mendota Heights and that area also is facilitated by driving Ayd Mill Road. My options are to drive through the central business district of Saint Paul Downtown or to travel further east out of the way and take Highway 52 because I live half a block from Minneapolis, I would really like you to reconsider and keep 4 lanes open if you please. Thank you for putting further study into this area, and it is definitely a facilitation to move to travel south and into Mendota Heights and beyond. Thank you very much for every consideration.

Hello. This is Patrice Connolly, 375 Colborne Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55104. I am calling in regards to Ayd Mill. I am opposed to any of the modifications listed for Ayd Mill Road. I do not believe the use of a bicycle path will generate the anticipated use and returning car traffic to side streets into residential areas I believe is a really bad idea.

Michael Conter, I live at 1923 Summit, Saint Paul. I'd like to comment on the Ayd Mill Road. I think that road was designed 30 or 40 years ago to get cars through the City without having them go onto the streets, and I think it's worked very well. I don't think getting rid of the two lanes each way is a very good idea because you're putting how many more cars onto the street, and that's Lexington and Hamline, which are plenty full right now. I think it's just a big mistake. Plus the amount of money that you're going to spend for this thing. You save \$7 Million. Well you know by the time the thing is empty, it will probably be \$15 or 20 Million. You can have it paved for a lot less and then you can take the rest of that money and put them into the streets of Saint Paul, which are in terrible shape. I have lived here for over 70 years and this is the worst I've ever seen. Thank you. And one other thing: Summit Avenue is a no-truck street, and I see lots of city trucks and semis driving up and down Summit and nothing seems to be done about it. Plus the street is in terrible shape.

Jodi Fandfort. I live at 775 Ashland Avenue. I was calling about the Ayd Mill Road agenda item. I wanted to say that I love the plan as described in the Villager. And I am grateful that you have opened up this way of providing public comment, as typically I am too busy professionally to attend a City Council meeting. I think the plan is excellent and wish you good luck. I also wanted to report that the e-mail address put in the Villager, council@ci.stpaul.mn.us, which seemed to me would be accurate, when you send a message to that line, you get a message back saying that it's an inappropriate address. You might want to fix that as well.

We are Allen and Sondra Jacobs at 1395 Grand Avenue calling to voice our opposition to the changes being made to Ayd Mill Road. We want Ayd Mill Road to continue to be a four-lane road. Very important for the traffic congestion on this area.

My name is Adam Clift. I live at 1389 Grand Avenue in St. Paul, near Hamline and Grand. And I've lived at my address for nearly 20 years. I'm calling on Ayd Mill Road and expressing my disapproval of the plan. I don't think building a bike lane and walking lane for the extra millions of dollars is worth it. I have three almost high school age children, and I wouldn't let them bike down there or walk down there by railroad tracks. It's just not safe, and it really doesn't go anywhere. I'd rather have it kind of closed off like it is, and continue with the 35-E connection. It's a very convenient way to get to various shopping districts in Eagan. So I hope it doesn't pass. It certainly needs to get improved, but I just don't think what's being presented is worth the cost.

Hello. My name is Matthew Jungwirth. I live at 1787 Selby Avenue, 55104. I'm calling to comment on the Ayd Mill Road construction project that is being discussed. I'd like to say I do support the plan. I like the compromise of the 3 lanes with the 2 roads one way, one road the other way, and the bike lane. As a resident of the nearby neighborhood, I think the bike lane would be nice. Certainly something I'm planning to take my family and myself on. My only comment on the plan is if we're looking at spending a decent amount of money on this, I was wondering if there has been any discussion at to completing Ayd Mill, aka connecting Ayd Mill to 94 or at the very least one of the frontage roads on 94. I know that the southern half of the completion of Ayd Mill was completed several years back connecting it to 35E, and I was wondering if there has been discussion completing it to the other half. I do find it difficult in the morning and afternoon during commuting times to move around on Snelling due to all the traffic that is getting off of 94 and getting onto Ayd Mill. I support the project. I support doing something about it. I support the general plan. I'm just hoping that the plan is extended to include connection to 94.

I'm calling in reference to the Ayd Mill Road construction. My name is Susan Dullea, 1782 James, St. Paul 55105. I really think we need the four-lane road and certainly need the construction. There are a lot of roads that need construction, for instance, Summit Avenue is a mess. I think that any extra money could be used on the roads as opposed to the walking paths. We have plenty of sidewalks to walk on in St. Paul. Also, we seem to have a lot of bike lanes. Anyway, that's my idea on it. So I hope the money will be used for that road and for other roads.

Sandy Dullea. Calling about Ayd Mill Road, keeping it to four lanes, no paths. Please use that path money for other roads that need repairs.

Hi. My name is David Sparrow. I'm at 1706 Highland Parkway, St. Paul. I'm calling in reference to the Ayd Mill Road. The proposed three-lane I don't think is really, you know, it's a dream, and especially to add the bike lane, but the bike lane from what I've seen and the amount of people that can use that on a year round situation I don't think justifies the extra expense. What I would propose is still having the four lanes and just refurbish that that we have. We already have the bike lanes coming from Minneapolis coming down the River Road into Jefferson to go through to connect with the other bike trails down by the river and Shepard Road. The other thing that concerns me is the traffic that is trying to come from the southern part of the city, and I don't mean to say it that we don't like it, but we still have a lot of traffic coming in through our city through the Midway and everything else, that use Ayd

Mill Road, and if we keep choking Ayd Mill up, we already are getting an extreme amount of traffic on Snelling, which is very close to my heart, and Fairview, which is on the other side of my house, as well as on Lexington, and I think it's another way of some people with an agenda to rid our community of cars. Well we can't do anything about the people that are coming through and I would like to see an orderly way for those people to come into St. Paul, get through St. Paul into some of the other areas, especially when we are looking at Alliance Field and a number of other attractions that we've added, and people are not taking bikes to and from work and shopping. It would be totally for the elitist recreationists and on the weekends, and that's a lot of money for a lot of what I consider a luxury that right now the City of St. Paul doesn't need nor can afford. We have too many administrators right now. I was just looking at the Mayor's office and his number of administrators is up considerably, and for somebody that cancelled fireworks because they couldn't find the money to afford, I'm appalled.

Hi this is John Kimlinger, 1395 Juliet Avenue. The agenda item is leave Ayd Mill Road open to four full lanes, no bike lanes.

My name is Matt Dullea, 286 Griggs Street South, St. Paul, Minnesota 55105, and I'm calling in regards to keeping Ayd Mill Road to four lanes, with no bike paths.

Good morning. My name is Janine Pingel. My address is 1490 Osceola Avenue, St. Paul 55105. I'm a Mac Groveland resident. I live close to Ayd Mill Road, and I very much would vote to keep that as a four-lane venue to accommodate traffic between I-35 and 94. I use that lane and don't think there's any benefit to changing that to two lanes so that bikes can be on that lane, I think it's going to create more of a hazard because there's so much traffic there, and we do need to keep that venue open so that traffic can be routed around neighborhoods where there's already a lot of congestion during rush hour. So, I think we need to find a different solution for bikes, etc., but I don't see that converting it to a full park or part of a park makes any sense at all, we're going to create another problem in the city by moving more traffic into the main streets.

Hello, this is Sandra Mackey. My address is 437 Pascal Street South. I'm calling to voice my opposition to any path made on the Ayd Mill Road. It needs to stay at four lanes. I use it frequently and I believe the money to put new paths in could be used in a much better way.

Louise Copeland. My address is 2275 Youngman Avenue, Apt 310W, St. Paul 55116. I'm calling about the Ayd Mill Road, and my preference is to maintain the four lanes without any paths.

This is Lisa Raduenz at 265 South Pascal Street, St. Paul 55105. I am in opposition to the three-lane plan for Ayd Mill Road. It is a waste of money. We should stick to the continual configuration that exists today of four lanes, two lanes in each direction. There should be no additional bike or pedestrian path until a cost benefit analysis is done to indicate what the throughput of that additional addition is against the original cost of resurfacing and putting in new sewer, and curb gutter for the original four lanes. This is not a typical project, and a cost benefit analysis on alternatives should have been done and made public to all taxpayers prior to making a decision.

Good morning. My name is Roy Otto. I live at 1488 Goodrich Avenue. I'm calling to comment about the Ayd Mill road reconstruction, and I'm not for the new bike lanes, reduced driving lanes and so forth. I think the road should just be resurfaced, that pavement should be ground up like they do on so many streets and then just resurface it so it's a smooth road. We use it regularly and it is really bad now.

Hi. I'm Marlene Hallinan at 1295 Lincoln Avenue and I'm calling in regards to keeping Ayd Mill Road as a four-lane. We do not need another bike path. Keep it at four lanes and use the money to fix up the potholes all around town. I came down Syndicate yesterday, and Fairmount in between Syndicate and the Ayd Mill Road, the potholes were so bad. Fix the potholes around town. We don't need another bike path or more green space.

Judith Feldman, St. Clair Avenue, commenting on Ayd Mill Road. Please dig up the road, fix the water problems, leave it at four lanes. We do not need to spend more money on that and bike lanes when we have broken streets throughout Saint Paul.

Judith Feldman, 1033 St. Clair Avenue. I called before, but I wanted to add another issue for Ayd Mill Road. I'm also concerned about the proven increase of cars on the streets, probably where I live. Hundreds more cars will be on local streets instead of on Ayd Mill where it belongs, and that was the purpose of that road. Dig it up, fix the drainage and leave it at four lanes.

My name is Timothy Boeckman. I live at 1303 Juliet Avenue. I'm calling about the Ayd Mill bike path that they want to put through there. I don't think it's a good idea. I think that the money could be used to fix the streets around the area here. There's a lot of potholes.

This is Lenny Leier, 334 South Saratoga. In no way should you convert Ayd Mill Road to anything other than the way it is now. It definitely needs to be resurfaced, but all of the discretionary spending the City Council does is for special interest groups. There might be 10,000 bicyclists in Saint Paul that use them regularly. What about the other 250,000 or 260,000 of us that deserve, say, decent streets or lower taxes? None of you have a business of your own or you wouldn't do the things that you do. You can waste money like there's no tomorrow. I hope you use some common sense for a change and don't do this. If you wanted to contact me, I can tell you how screwed up you did on Penfield. Oh man, it's just unconscionable what you did. So, if somebody want to call me about that one, I'll let them have it.

Hey, this is Paul Miley from 262 Syndicate Street South. I'm calling to support that Ayd Mill Road only be used for cars, two lanes each way, keep it the way it is, repair it. And if they do want bike lanes on there, let the bicyclists pay for it. They're the ones that are going to use it. Let them pay for it. We pay for the roads and the cars; we shouldn't have to cover the bike paths too. So, wake up and do your job down there, Melvin, we need our roads fixed. We elected you to do your job, not to sit and watch them fall apart. You're going to leave this in the hands of the next elected official and that's not fair.

Hello, my name is David Leitner, and I live at 1459 Juliet Avenue in St. Paul, and I'd like to comment on Ayd Mill Road. I recently had read the article that had been released about the traffic that would be put on the residential street if the four-lane option was not used. I think that the four-lane option roadway should stay the size it is, and some of that money that would be used to make a path for bikes or something like that could be better used repairing some of the streets we already have in St. Paul. Some of them are just horrendous with potholes and other things like that.

Hello, my name is Kevin Kelly. Address is 1740 Highland Parkway in St. Paul. Calling about the Ayd Mill Road agenda item and wanted to voice my opposition to the plans for Ayd Mill Road. I would suggest that they keep it a four-lane road, just re-pave it as the original plan. So I want to go on record with my opposition to the plan.

Hello, this is John Miller at 706 Lincoln Avenue. I'm calling to express my opposition to the proposed changes in Ayd Mill Road. I suggest we leave it like it is or fix it, and use that money for needed road construction and repair around the city. I think the Ayd Mill Road changes should be a very low-priority item, actually I don't think it should ever happen, and I'm hoping a little bit more sensible approach will be taken using the funds for needed highway repairs.

My name is Marsha Berry. My address is 1409 Stanford, 55105. And my comment is about the changes for Ayd Mill Road. I'm really concerned about the pricing of this three-lane design. I think there are other City priorities. I don't get a cost benefit for doing the 3 lanes. Also, as someone who bikes and uses my bike for transportation in the City, I'm not sure that this makes a lot of sense. I think there are other projects. And I'm worried about the amount of traffic that will move from Ayd Mill to the other streets, especially onto Lexington and probably even over to Hamline if there's heavy traffic.

Hello, my name is Michael O'Brien, 1769 Laurel Avenue, St. Paul. Commenting on the Ayd Mill Road fiasco. Instead of spending the bicycle portion of the \$7.5 million ridiculous sum on that bike path, I would certainly appreciate Public Works coming down Laurel Avenue and filling the umpteen million potholes that could lose a small child in. Anything else I would have to say probably couldn't be printed, so that's my comment.

I'm calling regarding the Ayd Mill Road change. I recommend that it stay at four lanes like it is today, use the money that we had budgeted for repairing it, and the excess funds that we're talking about, we have enough potholes around the city that need fixing urgently. Name is John Dan, I'm at 1848 Stanford Avenue in St. Paul.

My name is Jill Warren. I live at 1624 Juno Avenue in St. Paul. I'm calling about Ayd Mill, and I would like to see the road stay as a car four-lane road, and use the money to repair the many other streets in St. Paul that have issues.

Hello, my name is Nancy Guilbeault. I live at 2070 Palace Avenue in St. Paul, and I'm calling to comment on the Ayd Mill Road project. If you refer to the Highland Villager April issue, it outlines many many of my concerns as well. First of all, I don't appreciate the project at all because I'm afraid it's going to raise property taxes and we can't afford to stay in our homes if the Mayor continues and you continue to do projects that raise our property taxes. I don't believe in the Ayd Mill Road project because you're seeing now that it's for the benefit, you think, of bicycles, but the result is you're going to have a traffic problem and you're going to be having to divert more cars to the side roads. I think that's not, with what you say you can do to make it work, I don't think that's fair to the neighborhoods. The people who live in homes are trying to live there. We have relatives who live on Lexington and Randolph, and they have already lost all their parking. They had all kinds of construction, they paid a lot of money for the cost of renovating those roads, and now you want to do more. And I don't think you listen at all to the people and I don't really like many of the things that other people are also concerned about. They're concerned about the cost, they're concerned about the traffic. And I agree with all of those things and I am so sorry that you continue to push this project just because it's another bike project. And, yes, we want a bikeable city, but we also want a livable city. This is, now, with the pandemic, a time to stop, just stop these expenditures, take a breath, and come up with a better plan that's not going to cost us some more and divert traffic into neighborhoods.

Hi, this is Tom Galligan at 1830 Berkeley Avenue in St. Paul 55105. I'm calling to strongly encourage not spending money on Ayd Mill Rad right now given all the other priorities, and certainly not on a bike path when people need jobs and benefits and food banks. So, I'm strongly encouraging my Council member and all Council members not to approve this, certainly at this time.

Daniel Murray. I'm calling in regard to Ayd Mill Road, and my feelings are, keep the four lanes, fix the four lanes so that it's a travelable road, do not spend any more money on walking paths or bike paths until you can maintain the roadways that you have. No more bike stuff. No more walking stuff. Take care of the roads that you have, especially Ayd Mill Road.

Hi, I am in Councilmember Noecker's ward. My name is McMorrow. My first name is Patricia. I am calling in time I believe to be included in the Ayd Mill vote comment process. I also participated in the online survey and listened to the presentation. Please keep the road four lanes. Please use the money on other road projects. If you're able, use it to support businesses; if you're not, we've got a lot of work. We don't need the bike path. It's not thunk out.

Hi, my name is Janis Aamodt. We live on Goodrich and Hamline, and I'm calling about the Ayd Mill Road issue, and I'd like to say that, living in the area, I would like to remain more of a throughway for more traffic and I don't think it should be taken down to one lane because I think it's used too much and it keeps the traffic away from in front of our streets. My family uses it mostly to get to 35E south or the other way back. So I would prefer it stay more of a throughway.

This is Richard Buggs. Apparently, I've missed the deadline, but anyway, I do oppose spending much money on Ayd Mill Road, I think we should keep it four lanes. I say this because our St. Paul streets are in pathetic shape. Already this year I've lost one wheel from my vehicle having gone through multiple potholes. I can no longer drive at night because I can't see the holes in the road. So it seems like a foolish expenditure to waste money on redoing the Ayd Mill Road when so many of our roads are in absolutely undrivable condition.

Hello, I'm calling to tell you my opposition to Ayd Mill Road being turned into any bike lanes. I'd like it to be left as a four-lane road, and I'd like it to be updated and the potholes filled. It is very important to the residents of St. Paul to have that as four lanes. Patricia Brooks. I live at 644 Ashland Avenue.

Hi. My name is Pattie O'Brien, 1769 Laurel Avenue in Saint Paul. I just like to voice my opinion about the Ayd Mill. I use that road a lot, and so do 24,000 other people daily. I don't think we need any more bike paths. We have them all over the city. And now with this virus, when we're just doing a lot of walking, I can't believe how many people are using sidewalks and not the bike paths. I've seen them along Summit, along Grand. And just making more bike paths, we don't need them. We only use them 4 or 5 months a year. There's enough areas that people can bike. I've grown up in Minneapolis and have been in Saint Paul for over 40 years, and I think it's a crime that we're gonna even think about paying \$7 million to put a bike path and lights down in that area where it's kind of creepy. I would never go down there for fear of no one around if you were down there by yourself. Why don't we continue to keep the roads open so we can get to Eagan, we can get to 94 on it. And I just think we can better use that money. Our roads in Saint Paul in front of our street, are holes everywhere. Let's work on just taking care of Saint Paul roads. And Summit is just a crime. I'd appreciate my comment. And I hope they can resolve this problem. I think at this time in our lives we don't need to spend this kind of money on a bike path area that we can only use 4 or 5 months. Very few people use it in the winter if you've ever noticed.

My name is William Liike. I live at 456 Summit Avenue, and I wish to comment on the Ayd Mill Road expansion project. I'm in favor of retaining it as a 4-lane highway with upgrades to connect to I-94. I do this because I want to alleviate traffic on Summit Avenue, but I do not feel that the program as described as moving forward does not meet my criteria.

My name is Archie. Last name Lortis. Subject is Ayd Mill Road. The comment is Ayd Mill Road should remain a four-lane road. And after at least 25 years of bickering about it, it should be connected to I-94, which was the original intent. So, there's my vote. Sure hope you can get something done with this.

Yes, I'd like to comment on the Ayd Mill Road to keep the Ayd Mill Road as a 4-lane. No paths. Use the money to fix the potholes in the roads. My name is Phil Hallinan.

Hi, my name is Haley Nelson. I've lived in St. Paul for 11 years now and I just want to voice my concern about the possibility of redoing Ayd Mill Road. We really need to keep it four lanes. It's like the last hidden road that you can really get around quickly on for commuting and just getting around the city so please don't change that I think that would just majorly mess up commute time and congestion. There are so many other roads that could use repairs. My address is 1032 Portland Avenue.

Hi, my name is Catherine Peterson. I'm calling in regards to the Ayd Mill Road project. I would like it to be left with four lanes the way it is. No paths. Use the money for some other roads that need repairs.

Hi, I'm calling about Ayd Mill Road. I would like to keep it four lanes and not add any bike paths or anything else to it. We have so many other roads that need repair such as Summit. The money should go maybe to those places instead. Ayd Mill we'd love to see it just stay the way it was, four lanes. My name is Nancy Hulsey.

Hi, my name is Chris Murray. I live at 1064 Goodrich Avenue. I just want to express my support of keeping Ayd Mill Road a four-lane road. My concern is that there's be excess traffic on Lexington Parkway. So again, I would be against making it into a three-lane road.

Hello. My name is Caleb Johnson. I live at 1422 Grand Avenue, Saint Paul, 55105. I just wanted to make a comment about the Ayd Mill lane reduction project. And then I'm very much in support of it. I think Saint Paul should do much more in the way of pedestrian activation of corridors that are currently unused. So, less cars, more pedestrians and bikes on Ayd Mill, I'm in favor of it.

Hi my name is Victor. I'm a resident of the Lexington-Hamline neighborhood and I would like Council member Dai Thao to vote yes on the current proposal for Ayd Mill. I think it is very important to have infrastructure that supports multi-modal transportation and not just infrastructure projects that focuses on cars. I think we need to move on away from car centric projects and have a more sustainable city.

This is Sonia St. Clair. I live at 1473 Goodrich Avenue, and I'm calling to comment on the Ayd Mill Road realignment issue that you're going to vote on tomorrow. I don't think it's really feasible to do a 3 lane-road on Ayd Mill. We've lived here for 47 years. There's been so much controversy on that road. I don't know how many people would really walk down there or bike. If they biked, where would they go? They'd run into Selby? I think it's a silly idea. I think you should just consider leaving it four-lane and resurfacing it. I think that would be the best option for the citizens of this area.

My name is Emil Herrera. I live at 665 Portland Avenue. Commenting on Ayd Mill Road. I think it's a waste of money to change the configuration of Ayd Mill Road. Keep it the way it is and just pave over it. Use the extra money you would spend doing this this super-duper strange change of lanes and a bike path, which nobody riding a bike wants to ride in a tunnel, below ground with all that exhaust. Just use the savings to pave other roads that we need in the city. I even sent the Mayor a letter about it a couple months ago and haven't heard from him. I'm really disappointed in him on this issue. He has not made it easy for people to tell him what they think. Like these little silly pet projects, not really well thought out at all.

This is James Larson. 1231 Highland Parkway. I'm calling regarding the Ayd Mill Road proposal. I think that spending \$7.5 million on a bike and walking path is absurd. I think that Ayd Mill Road should be kept to four lanes, no paths. Use the money that you would spend on bicycle and paths for badly needed repairs on other streets. Our property taxes are higher than they should be, and spending money frivolously is quite annoying.

This is Margaret Flanagan and I am at 275 South Warwick Street in Saint Paul. I'm calling with regard to the agenda item on Wednesday about Ayd Mill Road. Please keep it at four lanes. Do not turn it into a pedestrian path. It is congested as it is because it is a necessary and crucial thoroughfare of Saint Paul. Please repair it as it is. Keep it to four lanes.

Good afternoon. My name is Barbara McCauley. I live at 1855 St. Clair Avenue in St. Paul. I am calling to request that Ayd Mill Road continue to be four lanes, no bike paths, no pedestrian walking. Partly my reasoning is really just that there's so much else that we need to spend money on, that this one seems optional to me. So anyway, I'm in support of keeping Ayd Mill Road to four lanes.

Hello. My name is Mary Bowman. I am a long-time resident in Highland Park. 31 years. I'm calling regarding the Ayd Mill Road issue. And it is afternoon, and I just finally found a number to call about this. I have to say I don't think that has been made easy or a way to dialogue about this has been made easy. I am very opposed to the bike path idea. I believe, yes, of course, Ayd Mill Road needs to be repaired. We need to keep the four lanes. No paths. We are living in a time of crisis literally, financially and health-wise, and to put that much more increased money into bike paths... We live right off of Fairview. I see how much the bike lane is used there. We can't afford that kind of increased cost when we are not able even to make choices on our streets in Saint Paul. I think we should be looking at the greater good. Bicyclists are a small group, and I agree they need paths, but there are lots paths. We are at a City Saint Paul, that can't even afford to have fireworks. That is something for everybody, especially people living in property, because there is no cost. We can't even afford that. And yet we would consider doing something like this at that costly of an option. I am just shocked to be completely honest about where we are looking at in terms of the big picture, values, for our entire community. So, I am opposed to bike paths in Ayd Mill Road. I want repair and fixed at the amount that would give us a good surface and steps for tomorrow, but not at the highest cost possible and not at having overflow cars in that neighborhood. No. Thank you for your time. I live on 1827 Eleanor Avenue, Saint Paul.

Hi. My name is David Fox, 659 Mount Calm Place. Calling about the Ayd Mill Road. I'd like to comment that that road should be kept 4 lanes with no bike paths.

Lori Herz. Address: 1266 Randolph Av, 55105. Keep Ayd Mill a four-lane road. No bike paths.

This is Imogene Krikel in 65, well District 1. I just wanted to say that I am unalterably opposed to spending those extra millions of dollars on Ayd Mill Road. With the pandemic, with the money that is becoming a problem because of our pandemic, with my property taxes going up excessively, with the streets in need of repair and with our crime, to do something that is truly an optional event that can be done in 2021, 2022 or 2023 when things are very different than they are today. But to do that expenditure with the circumstances that we all have today is not appropriate for our city policy and I certainly hope that you will oppose it. Thank you very much.

Hello. My name is Jane Lundberg, and I live at 1394 Fairmount Avenue in Saint Paul, very close to Ayd Mill Road which is where I'd like to provide some comments. It is my opinion that Ayd Mill should continue to remain as a 4 lane road and be repaved as it was intended to back in 2019. This is a very, very highly used road and provides much less traffic on other small roads connected to it, as well as other major highways. It's a route that really re-routes traffic very well. There is many, many, many roads—including Hamline—in Saint Paul that are in need of dire repairs. It's almost impossible to drive down some of these roads, and if those monies that would go towards a path or something other than the 4 lane road to Ayd Mill, I would like to recommend that we get the roads that we already have repaired so that they are drivable and not of danger to our cars.

Hello. My name is Daniel Trygg. My address is 1789 Iglehart Avenue in Saint Paul, 55104. I'm calling to comment about the Ayd Mill Road. I think we need to continue to have 4 lanes of traffic. I think it's a valuable commuter road. I would like to see it connected with 94 and 35 E South. I think it's a valuable link between going to the southern part of the metro, and there's no other way that's nearly as feasible or as well-structured for that, and it was part of the original design, and I think it would be foolish to turn it into something other than what it was designed for. But, it's been a real important part of my weekly journey. I live right here in Saint Paul, but I go to the southern metro, and I come back again several times a week, and it's much more efficient as a four lane.

Hello my name is Cora Preston. I live at 936 Lafond Ave, 55104. I am calling to ask you to vote yes on the Ayd Mill Road to convert it into a bike and pedestrian street as well as for cars. I am a biker and a pedestrian myself and I sometimes drive on Ayd Mill too and it's a mess. I am excited about the prospect about having it be a bike lane and a pedestrian lane and driving lane separately because St. Paul is way behind Minneapolis on our bike lanes. We need to vote yes on this so I ask you for your support in voting yes on the Ayd Mill Road. Thank you.

Good morning, Tom from Como Park calling. I have awareness there's a pretty important council meeting with our current interim public works director Paul Kurtz about Ayd Mill Road. I think very highly of this man and the public works department. We've discussed Ayd Mill my god for decades let's run with this plan. Please, these are professional engineers. Thank you for the work you do.

Hello. This call is in relation to the Ayd Mill project. My name is Carlos Cruz. I live in 1696 Eleanor Avenue in St. Paul, Minnesota. And I want to express my opposition to making Ayd Mill Road only a two-lane highway. I believe the traffic that will spill into the neighborhood does not warrant making the change. I believe four lanes is what's appropriate for Ayd Mill Road, and I will support and think it makes More sense to eventually connect Ayd Mill Road all the way to I94 so that people don't have to jump onto neighborhood roads to get on I35 eventually.

Hi, my name is Dorothy Slegman and I live at 1987 Goodrich Avenue, and I would like to comment about the plans for Ayd Mill Road. I am absolutely opposed to putting money into making a bike path, walking path, anything other kind of a path, it's a ridiculous of tax-paying dollars. Just fix the darn road and make it without potholes so that you don't break your axle every time you drive on that road. It's good the way it is, it connects what it's supposed to connect, and we don't need another bike path on a road that goes nowhere.

Margaret Killeen, 2076 Niles Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55116. I have a comment regarding Ayd Mill Road, and I would like to put forth a strong request to have that road be four lanes for cars. Four lanes on Ayd Mill Road.

Grilz, 1392 Stanford. Just repave the four roads on Ayd Mill, and the surplus money from all the trinkets and bells and whistles you're going to add, use it to fix the rest of the streets in the city so we don't have to keep fixing our cars. And you got all these fancy ? stop signs on the west side of Snelling with the leaves coming out and the extra metal, you take four of them and you could make six more old fashioned true stop signs. You people spend money like there's no end to it.

My name is Susan Clarke. My address is 846 Laurel Avenue, St. Paul 55104. I'm calling about the Ayd Mill discussion. I am very pro- two lanes and a bike path. It's about time we stopped the tyranny of the car, particularly when it comes to global warming and issues of similar ilk. And also, I want to make the city a more livable city, which means more space for people to walk and bike.

Hi, my name is Mary Clysdale, I live at 1387 Osceola Avenue, and I tried to call yesterday but got absolutely nothing. I want you to keep Ayd Mill Road to four lanes, not paths, and use that money to repair the roads.

Hi this is Lamie Paymar, 1229 Palace Avenue, St. Paul. I'm calling about Ayd Road. It's very important because it's a high traffic area to remain four lanes. I'm surprised that there'd even be any consideration to cut down and make fewer lanes. We do need it more patched, it's really bumpy. So, the money for a path would be better used to make it a smoother ride.

This is Elaine Touhy, at 1181 Edgecumbe Road in St Paul. I'm calling about Ayd Mill Road. Please leave it as a four-lane road. We don't need walking paths and bike paths down there.

My name is Wendy Merrell. I live at 1572 Goodrich Avenue in St. Paul, 55105. I'm calling about Ayd Mill Road and the really stupid idea to make it bike lanes. So, no, I want to keep it four lanes, So, we're going to cut down two lanes so that people can bike down a steep hill and bike along four, five months out of the year, and then go up a really steep hill. And that's a really good use of our money, I think. I think right now our taxes are so dang high. My taxes went up 9% this year, and you're going to use it for Ayd Mill Road. So, you're all crazy. I am totally done with the city of St. Paul. We've got to get rid of the Mayor and most of the people on the City Council, if this is what you're planning on doing. This is a ridiculous idea. We need some of the money back in our own pockets, especially at this time. So, I am for keeping Ayd Mill Road the four lanes.