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Subject: Comments for the Bikeway Hearing
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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for inviting comments regarding the proposed bikeway on Wabasha. History Theatre has been located at 30 East 10th St, between Wabasha and Cedar for approx. 25 years. Due to recent major changes to streets outlining our facility, the Theatre has very limited places for our patrons to get into the building easily if they have any sort of mobility issues. This would include people who come to the theater on a bus as a group, individual patrons who need close access to the theater due to health issues and people using metro mobility.

We have the light rail on the Cedar Ave side, a bike lane on the 10th Street side, and St Peter has a cut out that makes stopping near impossible. Our patrons who came in cars and need to be dropped off use to be able to do that on the corner of 10th and Cedar. However, with the bike lane that cut out was eliminated. Our handicap accessible door is located on the Cedar side of the building. However, this door has become less useful since that is now a one lane road and parking and unloading backs up traffic on Cedar.

The only side we have left for unloading our patrons is the Wabasha Ave side of our building.

90% of our patrons that do come by bus with a group are Seniors. A good majority of these have mobility issues that use canes, walkers, or a wheelchair/scooter. Wabasha is the only side that we can unload without having a long walk or having to cross major traffic. Without this unloading area, we would cause undue hardship on our patrons with any sort of disability. The Wabasha entrance has 2 steps to get into the building. We use a portable ramp to get our patrons in through that door due to it not being an actual accessible door.

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Please do not adjust the only unloading zone on the east side of Wabasha and minimize adjustments surrounding this area.

Sincerely,

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