

Here is an updated Power Point presentation showing conditions as of this afternoon on Marshall Avenue. The places where medians have already been installed are dangerous for bicyclists. While I understand the need to provide safe places for pedestrians to cross busy streets, installing medians that place bicyclists in danger are not the way to fix this problem. The presentation shows some photos of existing designs that could be used on Marshall Avenue that will accommodate all users without creating further danger for bicyclists.

Please note that this proposal was not recommended for CIB funding in 2011 and 2013. These serious safety concerns were among the main reasons that this proposal was not recommended for funding.

I am also concerned about the businesses along the north side of Marshall Avenue that will lose driveway access to their parking areas. The proposed configuration will prevent eastbound traffic from making left turns into their parking lots, and the intersection of Marshall and Wilder would be blocked, preventing motorists from even turning left to go around the block to reach the businesses. One of those businesses, Marshall Avenue Liquors, pays at least \$42,000 annually in property taxes. This business depends on motor vehicle traffic to earn enough money to be reasonably profitable. If we take away access, this could cause this business to fail, and other businesses would hesitate to locate somewhere with such limited motor vehicle access. We also would lose the property taxes currently paid by this business. St. Paul needs every property tax-paying business we can get to offset the high percentage of non-taxed properties, and to keep residential property taxes affordable.

Please share this e-mail with the attached file with the other members of the City Council, and please enter it into the official record for the 2/19/2014 public hearing on this proposal. Thanks.

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