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**Subject:** 2023 Mill and Overlay - Fairview Avenue: Randolph to Edgumbe  
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Dear Council Members,

I recently received notification regarding the impending charges in relation to the upcoming construction on Fairview related to the Mill and Overlay work that is to be done.

As a long time Saint Paul resident living on an arterial road, I was more than a little surprised at the estimated assessment for the work that will be carried out on a high-capacity urban road. My understanding is that the previous time the city made repairs, the assessment to homeowners was a few hundred dollars compared to the thousands of dollars we are being asked to pay at this point. My concern about the increase and the overall project are two-fold.

1) I was unable to find recent data on traffic volumes in the city of Saint Paul, but based on the 2018 Publication of Traffic Volumes for Saint Paul ([https://www.dot.state.mn.us/traffic/data/maps/trunkhighway/2018/cities/2018\\_Publication\\_Traffic\\_Volumes\\_-\\_Saint\\_Paul.pdf](https://www.dot.state.mn.us/traffic/data/maps/trunkhighway/2018/cities/2018_Publication_Traffic_Volumes_-_Saint_Paul.pdf)), it appears that Fairview has more traffic volume from Montreal to Marshall than CSAH 46 (Cleveland Avenue), which receives funding from the state. Having said that, it is more than apparent that this road serves the overall Saint Paul community more than it serves the property owners that are being asked to foot the bill. Has the city looked into requesting State Aid for this project given the volumes compared to Cleveland Avenue?

2) There are numerous other roads in Saint Paul that are in a much worse condition that the city has failed to focus on. Why is the city focusing on a section of road that is better than the majority of roads in the city? Shouldn't we be focusing on the sections of roads that make driving in Saint Paul more hazardous?

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Mark Stuart