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To: Tolbert, Chris (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Bike Lane on Lexington Parkway

Greetings Mr. Tolbert,

My husband and I live at xxxx Jefferson. Jefferson is a designated bike route and, last summer, the City tore up the street in front of our house and added bike lanes, sidewalks, etc. My home office faces the street and I can see bikers using these lanes. One interesting thing I've noticed is that relatively few bikers actually use these the street. There are bikers most definitely and they do use the lanes. But it doesn't get a high amount of bikers that I've noticed. These bike lanes have created some problems for us because visitors cannot park in front of our house, there is an apartment building across the street so parking there is very limited, and often my guests park a block or more away. But I have accepted it since Jefferson Avenue is a designated bike route in St. Paul.

Now the City is planning to put in a bike path on Lexington Parkway South, south of Randolph. A great deal of on-street parking will be eliminated along Lexington Parkway South. My main concern is a townhouse we own in Deer Park -- just across the street from the Albion and Lexington Parkway intersection. There are 6 duplex-style townhouses there and visitors park in front of these units. Now those parking spaces will be eliminated.

While I am very much in favor of bikers and am very proud of the Twin Cities' high standing in the biking world, I heartily protest this additional bike lane that eliminates on-street parking. It just creates so many problems -- especially during the winter months -- and creates hardships for the homeowners there. PLEASE! Do not add another bike lane and do not eliminate parking in that area too. It really is not fair. We pay very high real estate taxes on our property there. I feel we have a right to expect to park in front of our unit.

Thanks for allowing me to present my opinion.

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