

CM Stark,

I have two concerns about the proposed redesign of Charles Ave.

1. Traffic will be diverted to other streets, and I am very worried about the additional traffic which will come to Thomas Ave (where we live), and what can be done to lessen the impact. We all support efforts to calm traffic and make things more bike friendly, but it seems like we are just moving it down the road to Thomas Ave. Are there any numbers your office has on projected (increased car counts) numbers?

2. Will I believe there was a pretty thorough community involvement process involving stakeholders, I believe the concerns of Richard Purcell, owner of the funeral home on Charles have not been taken seriously enough, and wonder what accommodations can be made for his business. I have known Mr. Purcell for over twenty years and I believe his business will suffer from the restrictions including; deliveries, folks from outside the neighborhood navigating the streets, and the fact that the funeral home is 24/7 for families in crisis.

I am very concerned about the plan and hope your office along with the rest of the Council would agree to make adjustments so the funeral home can continue to provide a valuable service to the community.

Thanks,

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