

From: On Behalf Of Jenny Belle Werness
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 11:15 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Cleveland bike lanes support

Dear Council Members Stark and Tolbert,

I'm writing to express my strong support for the installation of bike lanes on Cleveland Avenue. I'm unable to attend the meeting tonight, so I'm reaching out to you individually.

I moved to downtown Saint Paul in 2013, and just bought a house in the Mac-Groveland area. The ability to walk and bike safely in my neighborhood, especially to access local shops and restaurants, is an important part of why I chose to live in a dense city. The planned bike lane installation on Cleveland Ave will definitely contribute to the livability of our area. Parking mitigation, including changing permitting rules, will help make Cleveland a safer road.

As a native of the Twin Cities, I've followed the years of effort our area has put into increasing transit options, bicycle routes, and walkability in our cities. The St. Paul Bikeways plan is an important part of this trend, and we can start to implement this plan via bike lanes on Cleveland.

We've had years of planning for this, with tons of community input, including: public input hearings, planning meetings, studies, and follow up meetings. I hope that tonight's public hearing will allow us to move forward with the plans from last summer to install bike lanes. It'll make our community safer, better, and more vibrant.

Best Regards,
Jenny Werness