

Mr. Stark,

I have lived in this neighborhood for almost nineteen years and every time there's a change to Marshall Avenue things get worse. Nineteen years ago Marshall Avenue was four lanes wide in most places between the river and Snelling, traffic was thin, and it flowed at "full" speed "all" day long, just as it should.

Points:

- The current median on Marshall between Wheeler and Pierce is nothing but a complete hazard. It is not painted, thus practically invisible on a dark and/or rainy night; and the weeds and trees are overgrown to the point of scratching my vehicle if I'm not careful. Is this new median going to be any different? How and at what cost will it be maintained? Will Marshall Avenue have to be blocked off every time a city vehicle stops to cut the brush back? How about every time the streets need to be dug up for the sewer system – what will happen to the median then?
- If all of the left turns lanes are taken away how is anyone going to get anywhere? Should we all (especially visitors) take three rights or more guessing how to loop around?
- With these medians, wow in the world are emergency vehicles going to travel down Marshall – especially from during rush hour when the road is packed and no-one is moving?
- I am an avid bicyclist and walker in the neighborhood, and I appreciate the bike lanes on Marshall, but bicyclists and pedestrians are such a small percentage of traffic. I do not wish to see progress in the working world impeded upon by turning Marshall Avenue into a bazaar. I cross the street at the lights when I walk (something we all learned to do many years ago) and I use the left turn lanes when I'm biking. If people can't follow simple rules like looking both ways before they cross the road or obey simple traffic laws when driving or bicycling then they should just stay home.
- I whole-heartedly agree that the medians make bicycling more dangerous and that we need the space for emergency vehicles. Marshall Avenue is a main artery for motorized vehicles to get in and out of this neighborhood. Anyone who wants to change that should move to a suburb.
- If we want to make things better, start enforcing illegal u-turns. Teach people to have common sense and follow rules and we'd all have better lives.
- There are better ways to use limited resources than constructing obstructions.

I see the median building on Marshall Avenue as a bad idea and a complete waste of time and money.

Thank you for your attention to these matters,  
Shawn Parker