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Hi folks,

I'd like to comment on the proposed bike lane and strongly urge you to put it on St. Peter instead of Wabasha. There are multiple things that play into this: safety due to the parking ramps that offload onto Wabasha, affected music venues losing load in/load out spaces for bands (potentially leading to loss of bands-->loss of venues in a downtown that has so few already), as well as St. Peter is already a much more pedestrian friendly street.

The pushback I've seen against St. Peter has been due to potential loss of valet parking. We could have a big discussion of who we choose to serve with these choices and why, but short of it is, loss of valet parking in the name of a safer route is ultimately a mild inconvenience. Finally, it could be argued that removing valet parking for a bike lane actually encourages more non-single car alternatives such as public transit, ridesharing, biking, etc.

I appreciate your time reading this and your thoughtful approach to the decision making process.

Take care,
Cris