

**From:** [Reynolds, Mike](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Thank you for supporting the Summit Ave. Trail  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 8:04:57 AM

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Good morning, Councilmembers.

Thank you for hearing and addressing the comments/feedback of community members throughout this process. I believe, despite some local resistance, that there is broad approval and endorsement of the specifics of the Summit Ave Trail proposal. I write as a neighbor from the Midway, who serves on our local district council, including currently as a member of the Transportation committee.

This proposal effectively lays out a path (sorry for the pun) to a future Saint Paul that we need, and desire, and deserve.

The proposal effectively aligns with climate resiliency objectives as well as long-term City vision for a more accessible, robust approach to mobility.

Yet it doesn't remove resources available to the users of Summit (or directly-impacted neighbors) -- instead, it shifts the design in smart ways to meet new goals while serving continuing needs.

This proposal will also be more cost-effective in the long term (for snow removal and for ongoing maintenance/upkeep).

We must begin a comprehensive, varied approach to changes in the street infrastructure -- and this plan is a model of how to keep focused on the future of our City in ways that enhance rather than disrupting our current uses and needs. I am thankful to Director Kershaw, City planners, and the Council for working so smartly toward a more sustainable, safer Saint Paul.

sincerely,  
Mike Reynolds

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*On deck, a handful of men rather specifically rued the day.* -- Thomas McGuane, [The Bushwhacked Piano](#)

**From:** [Ben Swanson-Hysell](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul](#), [Contact-Council](#), [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please support the Summit Ave Regional Trail  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 11:45:15 AM

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Dear Councilmembers,

Please support the Summit Ave Regional Trail.

This project is a crucial piece of infrastructure that will make Saint Paul a better place!

I live one block off of Summit Ave with my wife and our two young children. Nearly every day we walk or bike along or across Summit, but we are keenly aware of the risks that we are taking in doing so. The bike lane is crammed between parked cars and moving traffic and simply doesn't feel safe at all when riding with kids in a bike trailer. Drivers on Summit rarely stop for pedestrians. Drivers on cross streets blaze through the stop signs (we've nearly been hit on several occasions while pushing a stroller!).

We desperately need more bicycle paths where people of all abilities feel comfortable biking. And among this project's many benefits are pedestrian improvements with shortened crossing distances and raised crosswalks.

Projects like this one move Saint Paul toward a safer and more equitable future. Let's build a better Summit Ave!

Thanks,  
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**From:** [Kristin Koziol](#)  
**To:** [Greg Weiner](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Please support the Summit Ave Regional Trail  
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