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Dear Mr. Mayor,

Yesterday, I conducted a funeral at the Holcomb...Purcell home on (536 N. Snelling) and learned of a plan to redesign Charles Avenue in an effort to accommodate bicycle traffic. Basically, the idea seems commendable, although there will be changes made at the intersection of Snelling and Charles which will have an adverse affect on the funeral home. Those traveling southbound on Snelling will no longer be able to turn left at Charles. And auto processions departing from the funeral home will no longer be able to turn left onto Snelling. (The image of a long string of cars snaking its way through the neighborhood is almost comical.)

Perhaps, there is a way for the bicycle route to cross Snelling at Edmund or Thomas. (Thomas would even give the bikers a traffic light.)

I am pleased to support the Holcomb home in its lament, aware that businesses such as these are really more than a business. They play a significant role in the community similar to churches, addressing a milestone in life which calls for solemn recognition. This particular home has been an extraordinary asset to the Midway area for many decades.

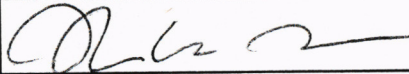
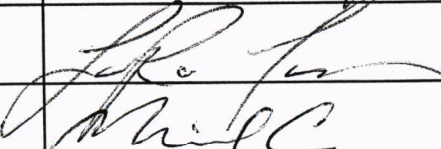
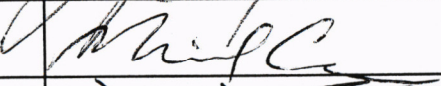

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Frank Dreisbach  
1749 Taylor Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55104  
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STOP THE CLOSURE OF SNELLING AVENUE TURN LANES AT CHAR

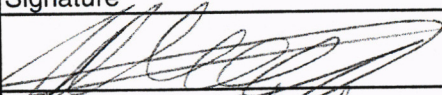
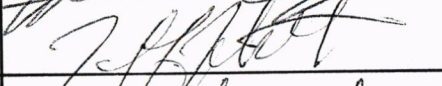
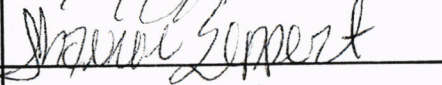
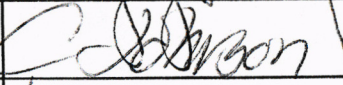
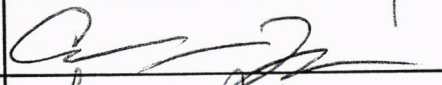
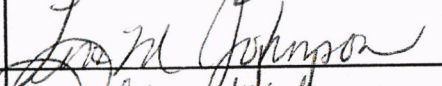

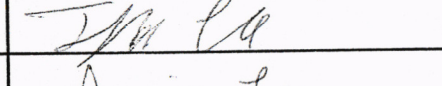
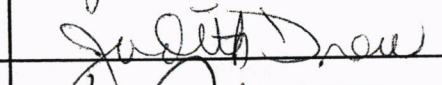


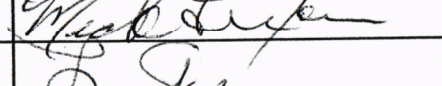
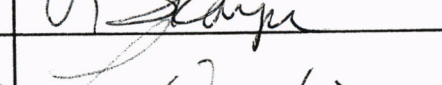
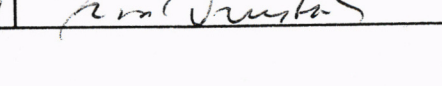
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16	DAVE MICHAEL		1577 OSCEOLA AVE. SS105	8/6/12
17	<del>PEARL PITTMAN</del> Carol Pittman	<del>Evelyn</del> Carol Pittman	542 Deer Ridge Ln	8/7/12
18	Carol Pittman	Carol J Pittman	542 Deer Ridge Ln MWD 55119	8-7-12
19	Frances Centrell	Frances Centrell	1683 Charles St. Low SS101	8-8-12
20	Margaret Millerich	Margaret Millerich	1625 Charles Ave	8-8-12
21	Alan Benoit	Alan Benoit	1511 Sherburne Ave	8-9-12
22	EVELYN Benoit	Evelyn Benoit	1511 Sherburne Ave	8-9-12
23	James Sullivan	James Sullivan	880 Selby Ave	3-9-12
24	JOAN SEDLACEK	Joan Sedlacek	630 S. LEXINGTON ST. PAUL	8-10-12
25	John TURNER	John Turner	1455 Almond Ave St. Paul	8-13-12
26	Daniel Robb	Daniel Robb	1543 Charles Ave St. Paul	8/1/12
27	LARON TIVIS		976 CARROLL AVE #411	8/1/12
28	Michael Cross		436 Wheeler St	8/1/12
29	DON RAYMOND		597 No Lexington	8-2-12
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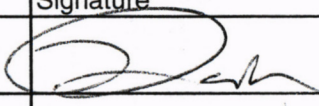
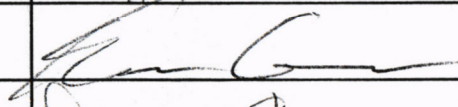
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	Print Name	Signature	Full Address	Date
31	Michael Norman		1404 Charles Ave, #14 St Paul 55104	8/12/10
32	Jeff Lehto		1604 Charles Ave #12	8-12
33	Shannon Leppert		1598 Charles #12	8-12
34	Cheryl Anthony	CHERYL J. ANTHONY	1598 CHARLES Ave #12	8-12
35			1610 Charles Ave #5	8-12
36	Lisa Johnson		1610 Charles Ave #5	8-12
37	Paulina McNamara		1618 Charles Ave #1	8/12
38	Tyler Lee		1618 Charles Ave #13	8/12
39	Jessica Lee	Jessica Lee	1618 Charles Ave #13	8/12
40	Judith Drew		7326 W. Minnesota Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104	8-21
41	Laura Johnston		1415 Almond St Paul	8-2
42	LINCOLN PLAIN		575 S. Snelling Ave	8/22
43	Mick Lexcen		5908 6TH ST NE Fridley MN	8/2
44	Laurie Skayr		689 Clearbrook Ln Udvalg's hts St Paul	8/2
45	REV. FRANK DREISBACH		1749 TAYLOR AVE. ST. PAUL 55109	8/27

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	Print Name	Signature	Full Address	Date
46	Dan Kufus		1600 University #313, STP, 55704	8/29
47	Betty Ward	Betty Ward	2925 Lincoln Dr. 117	8/29
48	Kevin Evans		1711 Berkeley Ave	8/29
49	Joyce Evans	Joyce Evans	1847 N. Fairview, F.H.	8/25
50	Diane Milbrandt	Diane Millerandtt	1514 Englewood, St. Paul	8/29
51	MARY BRIGHTBILL	Mary L Brightbill	1514 ENGLEWOOD ST. PAUL	8/29
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Print Name	Signature	Full Address	Date
MARY ANGELA BREEN	Mary Angela Breen	3607 Oak Creek Terrace Vadnais Hgts 55127	8/8/10
Patti Schultz	Patti Schultz	2084 James Ave St. Paul, MN 5505	8/8/10
Pyle Summers	Pyle Summers	2258 Goodrich Ave St Paul Mn 55105	8/8/10
Joan Powers	Joan Powers	1960 Ryan Ave W Roseville, MN 55113	8/8/10
Rosemary Nunn	Rosemary Nunn	2188 Goodrich Ave St Paul MN 55105	8/9/10
Mary O Bird	Mary Bird	2019 Borden Pl ST Paul mn 55116	8/9/10
Elaine Boom	Elaine Boom	515 #96 St Paul, Mn 55126	8/9/10
Jim Kruting	Jim Kruting	7343 Inter. Ave N. Bridgman, MN	8/10/10
Dang Thao	Dang Thao	6939 Collingwood Ln Woodbury, MN 55125	8/10/10
Steven Agosman	Steven Agosman	911 Park Lane Mahomet, mn 51115	8/10/10
David C. Breen	David C. Breen	3607 Oak Creek Terrace St. Paul, MN 55127	8/10/10
Robert Voigtlander	Robert Voigtlander	328 Oak Ridge Drive Vadnais Heights MN 55127	8/14/10
Kelly Veilleux	Kelly Veilleux	214 PRIMROSE CT Vadnais Hts MN 55127	8/14/10
Ted Veilleux	Ted Veilleux	2100 GREENVIEW DR New Brighton MN 55116	8/14/10
Margaret Smith	Margaret Smith	1747 Blair St. Paul, MN 55104	8/14/10

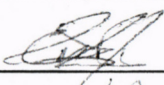

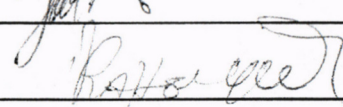
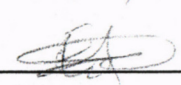
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91	Gebriel-Asfaha		1361 W. maynard dr	8/4
92	YORDANOS-HADZU		1010 LAKE ST NE - HOPKINS	md
93	RAHEL YOHANNES		1441 KIMBERLY	9/9
94	nini Gebremichael		1356 E W maynard dr	8/10
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	Print Name	Signature	Full Address	Date
1	Sharon Purcell	<i>[Signature]</i>	536 Snelling Ave St. Paul MN 55104	8/3
2	Daniel Grubisch	<i>[Signature]</i>	6474- 12th Ave; Lino Lakes, mn	8/4/12
3	TERRY WALKER	<i>[Signature]</i>	3256 Coackman Eagan	8/4/12
4	Richard Purcell	<i>[Signature]</i>	536 N. Snelling Ave St. Paul	8/7/12
5	Holly Purcell	<i>[Signature]</i>	536 N. Snelling Ave St. Paul	8/11/12
6	Joyce Canon	<i>[Signature]</i>	650 Cty. Rd. B-2 L. Canada 55117	8/11/12
7	Marilyn Roberts	<i>[Signature]</i>	1140 Randolph Ave	8/11/12
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	Print Name	Signature	Full Address	Date
1	Kim Bestin	Kimberly Bestin	15588 Cornell Trl. Rosemount MN 55048	8/5
2	Rich Johnson	Rich Johnson	10825 ALBERTA S. Blount New Brighton 55112	8/5
3	Teal Verellen	Teal Verellen	2100 GREENVIEW DR Roseville 55113	8/5
4	Douglas Veillevx	Douglas Veillevx	2700 Oxford St. NE Roseville 55113	8/5
5	Nancy Fith	Nancy Fith	1335 THOMPSON South St. Paul	8/5
6	Sean Gardiner	Sean Gardiner	13506 Crompton Ct. Rosemount MN	8/5
7	Jim Thomas	Jim Thomas	3415 Dorset Lane NW Rochester, MN 55901	8/5
8	Sandy Nehm	Sandy Nehm	934 Lovell Ave Roseville 55113	8/5
9	Andrea Sandstrom	Andrea Sandstrom	5201 Hilltop Ave N. Lake Elmo, MN 55042	8/5
10	Mark Sandstrom	Mark Sandstrom	5201 HILLTOP AVE LAKE ELMO	8/5
11	FRANK SPERAK	Frank Sperak	967 STARLIGHT WOODBURN	8/5
12	Pat Gillespie	Pat Gillespie	2911 Edison St NE Blaine, MN 55449	8/5
13	Henry Paulson	Henry Paulson	803 Ind Blvd N Mpls	
14	Michael Nehm	Michael Nehm	934 Lovell Ave Roseville, MN 55113	8/5
15	Russ Christoff	Russ Christoff	966 W. Iowa Ave	8/5

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16	GOOCH KRASTING	Gooch Krastina	3436-13th St. Ct	8/5
17	David L McKinnon	David L McKinnon	1276 Edgewater Ave	8/5
18	Heather Lambert	Heather Lambert	12197 Grandview Terrace	8/5
19	Michael Horn	Michael Horn	404 Sandhurst Cir. Rose	8/5
20	William H. Seston Jr	William H. Seston Jr	15588 Cornwell Trail Reservoir	8/5
21	JEFFREY OLSEN	Jeffrey Olsen	15906 Ashland View RD Plover Creek	8/5
22	DAVE TABOR	Dave Tabor	681 HALL Ave <sup>St Paul</sup> Minn	8/5
23	Tony Page	Tony Page	6780 Booth Rd	8/5
24	Donald Hermesen	Donald Hermesen	4423 Upper 13 5th St.	8/5
25	Travis Roether	Travis Roether	215 104th Ave NW	8/5
26	John W. DRAKE	John W. Drake	244 W. Sidney St.	8/5
27	Laura Meyer	Laura Meyer	930 20th Ave. NO. SO. ST. PAUL	8/5
28	Patricia Drake	Patricia R. Drake	344 W. SIDNEY ST.	8/5
29	ROBERT MEYER	Robert Meyer	920 20TH AVE NO. S.S.P.	8/5
30	A. N. H. —	A. N. H. —	8786 Beacon Hill	8/5



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31	EDWARD M. BRAND	<i>Ed Brand</i>	377 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave N #113	8/5/12
32	NORMAN HODGE	<i>Norman Hodge</i>	6274 45 <sup>th</sup> St N	8/5/12
33	Jilene Thordson	<i>Jilene Thordson</i>	832 Parker Ave. Roseville	8/5/12
34	Barb Anderson	<i>Barbara Anderson</i>	2922 Old Hwy #8 Roseville	8/5/12
35	DIANNE HOBOT	<i>Dianne Hobot</i>	4286 Beacon Hill Rd Egan	8/5/12
36	GERALD LAUNDERVILLE	<i>Gerald Launderville</i>	MAPLEWOOD MN 1809 GERVAIS AVE, Apt 3 55109	8/5/12
37	Glen Anderson	<i>Glen Anderson</i>	Roseville, MN 2922 Old Hwy 8 55112	8/5/12
38	GEORGE CARLSON	<i>George Carlson</i>	1529 Chamber St. ST. PAUL 55106	✓
39	Anders Haugen	<i>Anders Haugen</i>	4905 PENN AVE N MPLS MN 55412	8/5/12
40	Alan Christoff	<i>Alan B. Christoff</i>	9900 Primrose Ave N	8/5/12
41	Holly Christoff	<i>Holly Christoff</i>	9900 Primrose Ave N.	8/5/12
42	Pauline Christoff	<i>Pauline Christoff</i>	ST. Paul, MN 55117 966 W. Tower Ave	8/5/12
43	Jim Smeby	<i>James B. Smeby</i>	3999 70 <sup>th</sup> St E TGH 55076	8/5/12
44	Georgette Winter	<i>Georgette Winter</i>	55109 1330 E. Co. Rd. C Maplewood MN	8/5/12
45	GARY WINTER	<i>Gary Winter</i>	1330 E CO. RD C maplewood	8/5/12



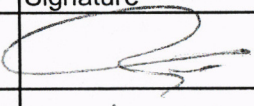

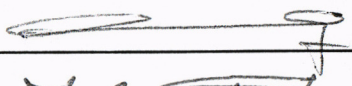
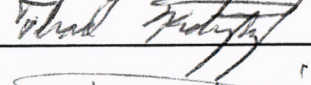
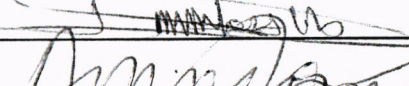
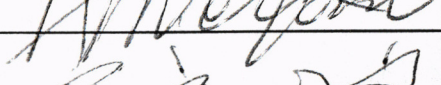
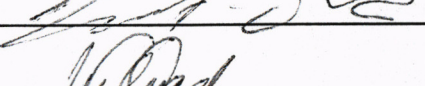

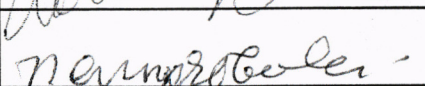
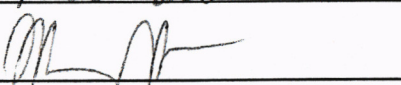
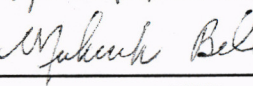
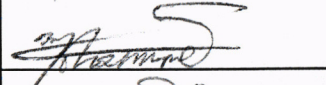
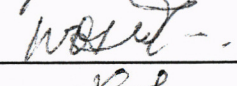
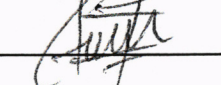

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46	SHARON AWADA	Sharon Awada	1825 SUMMIT LN. MENDOTA HTS.	8/5/12
47	Jim Awada, JR.	Jim Awada, Jr.	1825 SUMMIT LN. MENDOTA HTS, MN 55118	8/5/12
48	MARK AWADA	Mark Awada	2175 LINCOLN AVE. SE PAUL, MN 55105	8/5/12
49	DENNIS BOON	Dennis Boon	415 Highway 96 W St. Paul, MN 55126	8/5/12
50	Joan SPEVAK	Joan Spevak	9967 STARLIGHT DRIVE WDBRY MN 55125	8/5/12
51	Julie Olson	Julie Olson	15906 Johnson View Rd Plover, WI, MN 55302	8/5/12
52	Rosemary West	Rosemary West	6776 Pine Arbor Blvd S Cottage Grove, MN	8/5/12
53	Tim Koenig	Tim Koenig	825 Mayhill Rd N Maplewood MN 55119	8/6/12
54	MICHAEL BRUNE	Michael Brune	5310 SNELLING AVE ST PAUL MN 55104	8/6/12
55	Rita Amey	Rita Amey	1503 N. Pascal	8/6/12
56	Chris Schoonover	C. Schoonover	1745 Simpson St	8/6/12
57	Robert Amey	Robert Amey	1503 N. Pascal	8/6/12
58	Lisa M. Amey	Lisa M. Amey	1251 Idaho Ave	8/6/12
59	SHAWN FRANKLIN	Shawn Franklin	1422 Nicclett	8/6/12
60	Kenneth F. Paul	Kenneth F. Paul	2800 Hamline Ave No #327 Roseville, MN 55113	8-7-12



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76	Ephrem Mekonnen		1700 Summit Ave	8/3/11
77	Asgedom Teklu		5337 Oliver Ave N	8/4/11
78	Esayas Sahle		554 W Central Ave	8/4/11
79	Thad Kolyszko		1556 Van Buren Ave.	8/4/11
80	Nessib Negusse		1017 Raymond Ave.	8/4/11
81	AMAN WOLDESELASSU		7435 LYNDEN AVE S #101 Plymouth	8/4/11
82	Dawit Jidu		2236 Toney Ct Woodbury mn 55125	8-4-11
83	Messay Dablu		1471 Wyane Ave #2	8-4-11
84	Mahmoud Begy		1132 South 8th St.	8/4/11
85	Nemera jorgo		571 N Aldine St St Paul MN 55104	8/4/11
86	Mike Merissa		910 S. 5th St St Paul MN 55104	8/4/11
87	Mulaneh Belai		2301 24th Ave. So. Mpls 55406	8/4/11
88	Mahammed Alawi		1530 S. 6th St mpls 55454	8/4/11
89	Wossu Begu		1735 W 11th St	8/9/11
90	Alazar Medhin		1361 W. maynard dr SS116	8/4/11

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21 61	FRANK DAMON	<i>Frank Damon</i>	21621 HEALY AVE NO F.L.MN	8/7/12
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1	JOE SHANAHAN	<i>Joe Shanahan</i>	1604 CHARLES AVE. #9 ST. PAUL MN 55104	8/6 12
2	MARVIS TATE	<i>Marvis Tate</i>	1604 CHARLES AVE #2 ST PAUL MN 55104	8/6 12
3	Katherine Jones	<i>Katherine Jones</i>	#104 1608 Charles Ave W.	8/06
4	Army Permann	<i>Army Permann</i>	1604 Charles Ave #13 ST. PAUL MN. 55104	8/08
5	Marques Robertson	<i>Marques Robertson</i>	1604 Charles Ave #11 ST. PAUL MN 55104	8/08
6	Francis Struss	<i>Francis Struss</i>	1608 Charles Ave #5 ST. PAUL MN 55104	8/08
7	Phil Gernacki	<i>Phil Gernacki</i>	1598 Charles Ave #4 ST. PAUL MN 55104	8/08
8	Carol Joly	<i>Carol Joly</i>	1598 Charles Ave #2 ST. PAUL MN	8.9
9	ROGER ALDERSON	<i>Roger Alderson</i>	1598 Charles Ave #3	9/9
10	Noelle Meyer	<i>Noelle Meyer</i>	1598 Charles Ave #15	8/9
11	Austin Hoops	<i>Austin Hoops</i>	1598 Charles Ave #15	8/9
12	Kathryn Ford	<i>Kathryn Ford</i>	1598 Charles Ave #7	8/9
13	Kathleen Taylor	<i>Kathleen Taylor</i>	1598 Charles Ave #8	8/9
14	John N. Lehmann	<i>John N. Lehmann</i>	1598 Charles Ave #4 ST. PAUL MN. 55104	8/9
15	Cynthia Draugh	<i>Cynthia Draugh</i>	1604 Charles Ave, #3	8/0

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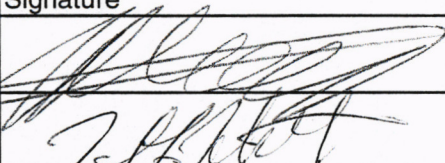
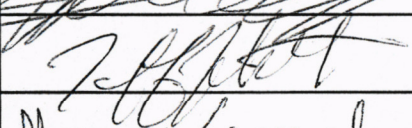
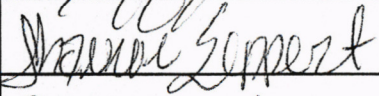
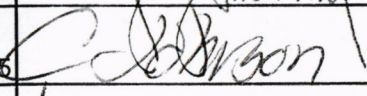
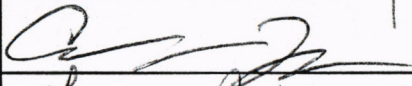
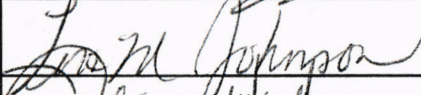
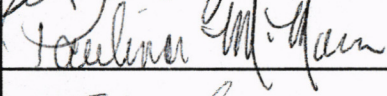
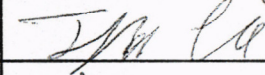
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17	Aaron Brannan	Aaron Brannan	1604 CHARLES AVE #10 S.F.P.	8/9
18	Joseph Del CASTILLO	Joseph Del Castillo	1604 CHARLES AVE #15	8/9
19	Lavren Claiborne	Lavren Claiborne	1598 Charles ave #5	8/9
20	Jacob Lassen	Jacob Lassen	1020 Piper Drive Brighton	8/9
21	Brandi Sewell	Brandi Sewell	1352 Egard St Houston, TX	8/9
22	John Cox	John Cox	1601 Charles Ave #5	8/12
23	LAURA CAMPBELL	Laura Campbell	1598 CHARLES	8/12
24	Benjamin Kowalsky	Benjamin Kowalsky	1598 Charles Ave	8/12
25	Katelyn Cowley	Katelyn Cowley	1598 Charles Ave	8/12
26	Jeffrey Matisa	Jeffrey Matisa	1598 Charles Ave	8/12
27	Robert Mollenhauer	Robert Mollenhauer	1618 Charles Ave Apt 2	8/12
28	Lynne Thomas	Lynne Thomas	1618 Charles Ave Apt 7	8/12
29	Tom Bitney	Tom Bitney	1618 Charles Ave Apt #10	8/12
30	Viviane Tchouang	Viviane Tchouang	1604 Charles Ave Apt 1	8/12



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	Print Name	Signature	Full Address	Date
31	Michael Norman		1404 Charles Ave, #14 SS101	8/12
32	Jeff Leitch		1604 Charles Ave #12	8-12
33	Shannon Leppert		1598 Charles #12	8-12
34	Cheryl Anthony	CHERYL J. ANTHONY	1598 CHARLES AVE #12	8-12
35			1610 Charles Ave #5	8-12
36	Lisa Johnson		1610 Charles Ave #5	8-12
37	Paulina McNamara		1618 Charles Ave #1	8/12
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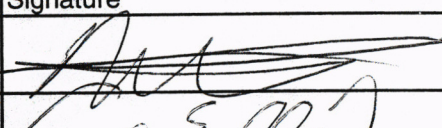
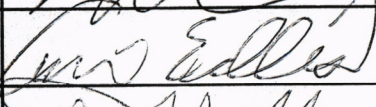
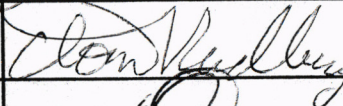

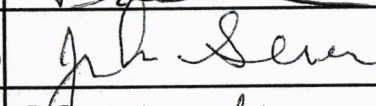
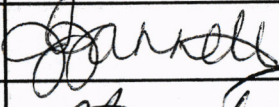
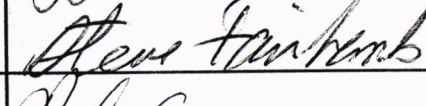
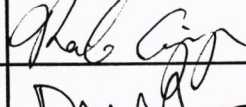
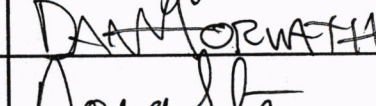
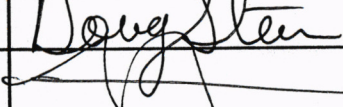

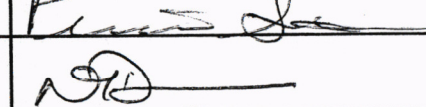
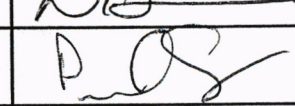
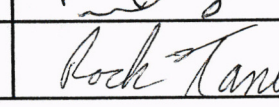
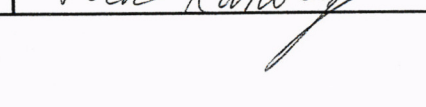


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Tim Ellis		524 Snelling Av N.	8/6
Tom Ruppberg		1381 Goodrich	8/6
Tom Schveller		1827 S. Schaefer, Apt B Apollon, WI	8/7
John Severson		576 Clover Leaf Blaine, MN 55434	8/7
Jaime Jannette		749 140th LN NW Andover, MN 55304	8/7
Steve FAIRBANKS		642 Front G-2	8/7
Katie Aiuppa		2819 E. 25th St.	8/8
Dan Horvath		524 Snelling Ave. N	8/8
Doug Steen		524 Snelling Ave N	8/8
Matt Schiebe		681 Simpson St	8/9
Perricon Snow		7429 Mitchell Rd Eden Prairie MN 55344	8/10
Wade Duncan		4720 Stevens Ave Npls 55319	8/10
Paul Ekberg		565 Holly Ave St. P. 55102	8/10
Rock Tanberg		1563 Charles Ave. #3 St. Paul MN 55104	8/10

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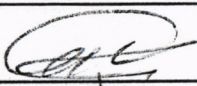
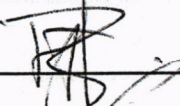
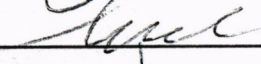
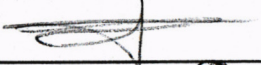
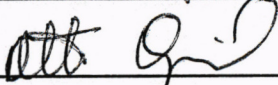
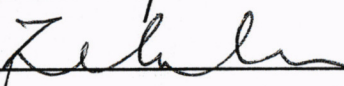
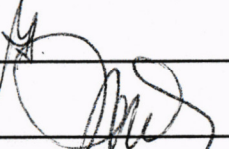
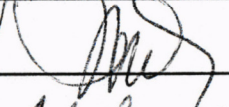
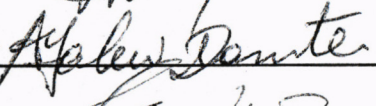
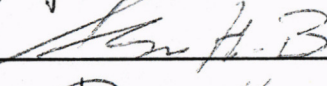
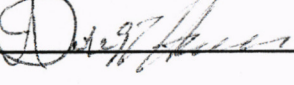


From: Coffee Shop Customers

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Jayne W.		555 Snelling Ave.	8/10/10
Teddy		1830 S 6th St	8/10/10
Otto Ogulu		1132 South 8th Street	8/10/10
Zelalem		291 W. 9th St	8/10/10
Getaachew		10 Duchamp St. W. #910, Saint Paul MN	8/10/10
Girma. Altayek		2585 E. Ave.	8/10/10
Ayalew Damte		375 Portland Rd S. Minneapolis 55119	10-
Asnakc Belete		3931 Greenview Ct	10-
Dilege Helemariam		1061 Montreal Ave	10-

(11) Signatures

**August 29, 2012**

**To: The St. Paul City Council Members and  
Hon. Mayor Coleman**

**Charles Avenue Bike/Pedestrian Proposal**  
**Concerns regarding the Snelling Avenue Intersection:**

Charles Avenue is not a safe place to cross Snelling Avenue without a controlled lighted traffic light. It will also have a permanent significant negative economic impact on all the businesses located at and near the Charles and Snelling Avenue intersection.

**Advantages of Crossing Snelling Avenue at Edmund.**

This would be a very short simple change to re-route the bike/pedestrian path from Charles and Asbury **north one block to Edmund**, the bike/pedestrian path would then follow Edmund across Snelling Avenue to Aldine.

Edmund is already a single block in length between Asbury and Snelling Avenue. Edmund is not a through street between Asbury and Simpson (east of Asbury)

**The Snelling Avenue center median at Edmund is already a cemented median intersection which prohibits all left hand turns from south and northbound Snelling Avenue traffic.**

Edmund Avenue stops at Aldine, just as Charles Avenue does.

**This would not have any negative impact on current business operations**

**This would not have any negative impact or change to business access** for all businesses located near the Snelling and Charles Avenue intersection.

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**Advantages of Crossing Snelling Avenue at Thomas Avenue**

This would be a very short simple change to re-route the bike/pedestrian path from Charles and Asbury **north two blocks to Thomas Avenue**, the bike/pedestrian path would then follow Thomas Avenue and then cross Snelling Avenue at a controlled safe lighted intersection then continue to Aldine.



**Thomas Avenue at Snelling Avenue already has installed a 4 way controlled lighted intersection.** This will allow all bikers/pedestrians to cross Snelling Avenue a busy 4 lane, State Highway and designated Truck Route to cross when the north-bound and south-bound Snelling Avenue traffic has been stopped by the controlled traffic light at this intersection.

**This would not have any negative impact on current business operations**

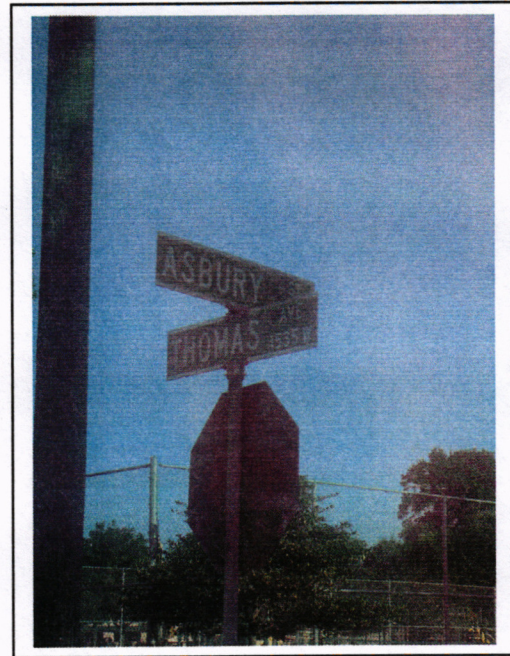
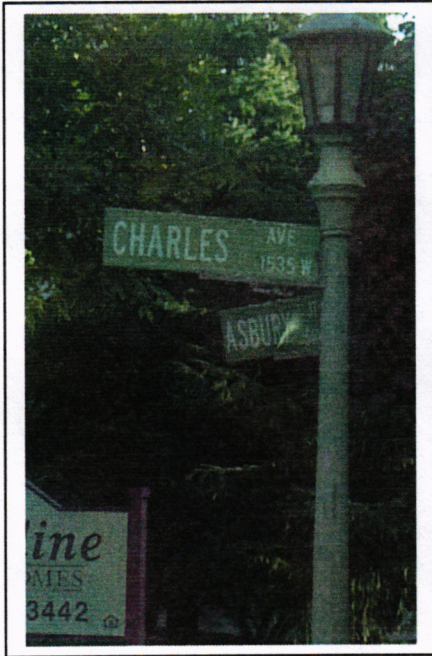
**This would not have any negative impact or change to business access** for all businesses located near the Snelling and Charles Avenue intersection.

**\* Both of the above options will still provide a safe bike/pedestrian path moving forward. This will allow continued business interests to continue "AS IS" with out any changes to any business flow/access. And also provides a controlled intersection where bikers and pedestrians will be able to cross Snelling Avenue SAFELY !**



**Option #1) Charles Avenue onto Asbury Avenue, go north 2 blocks to Thomas Avenue**

**Re-direct the bike/pedestrian path north from Charles Avenue onto Asbury Avenue to Thomas Avenue (Just...(2) Two blocks north of Charles Avenue) Cross Snelling Ave., at Thomas Avenue which offers a SAFE controlled lighted traffic light already in place ending proposed routh at Aldine (2 blocks west of Snelling Ave.)**



**Photos:**  
Looking  
West  
Towards  
Snelling  
On  
Thomas  
From  
Asbury

Here,  
Snelling  
Ave. is  
just  
One  
block  
West of  
Asbury.

This  
Already,  
Offers a  
Safe  
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Turn north one block from Charles on  
Asbury, up to Thomas Ave. which is  
2 blocks north of Charles

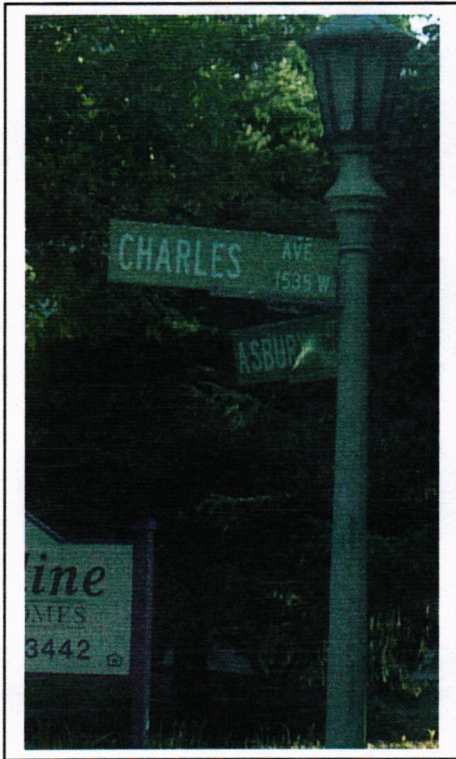
Go north on Asbury from Charles to  
Thomas Avenue which is just two blocks  
north of Charles with a lighted intersection.





**Option #2) Charles Avenue onto Asbury Avenue one short block north, to Edmund Avenue**

**Re-direct the bike/pedestrian path north from Charles Avenue onto Asbury Avenue, then north Just (1) one short block, to Edmund Avenue.** Snelling Ave., this Snelling Avenue intersection has a **widened median at this intersection which is already blocked from vehicular traffic turning east or westbound from Snelling Avenue.** Then, here... **Cross over Snelling Ave., at Edmund Ave., then continue to Aldine (2 blocks west of Snelling Ave.)**



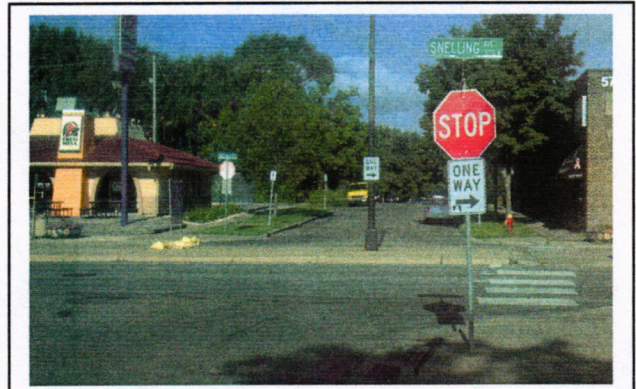
Turn north one block from Charles on Asbury  
To Edmund



Looking from Asbury west onto Edmund with  
Snelling Ave. one block to the west from Asbury.  
\* This residential street is only one block in length  
between Asbury and Snelling Avenue.



Edmund is a single "One Block" length  
east/west street between Asbury and Snelling



Edmund and Snelling Ave., already has a blocked  
cement median in place, restricting vehicles onto  
east or westbound Edmund. \* Construct the  
bike/pedestrian crossing design here on Snelling.



**Regarding Option # 2**

**This option, would keep all interested parties pleased, if the bike/pedestrian path could simply be re-routed at the corner of Charles and Asbury, north one block, up onto Edmund Avenue.**

**Allowing the bike/pedestrian path to have a short re-directed route to cross at Edmund Avenue (just one short block north of Charles Avenue at the corner of Asbury)**

This allows a safe pedestrian/bike cross over point at Snelling Avenue (but without a controlled traffic light which Thomas Ave., and Snelling intersections offer)

Having a roundabout installed at the intersection of Charles and Asbury, re-directing the bike and pedestrian path one short block north to Edmund Avenue and crossing Snelling at Edmund will still slow the Charles Avenue traffic flow as intended by the proposal.

**This plan would continue all resident and customer vehicles to access onto Charles Avenue in order to reach their homes and the following businesses:**

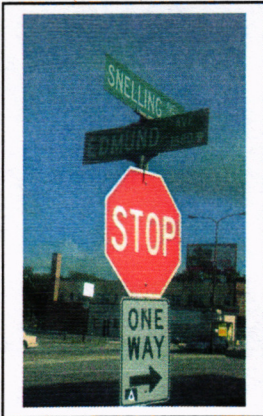
Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home and Cremation Services

Ellis Drum Shop

Curly's Barber Shop and coffee shop

Apartments on Snelling and Charles Avenues

Holiday Gas Station (see notes below)



This proposal requests for the continued **U Turn** at Charles Ave.(which currently is allowed to take place at this intersection) to be allowed from the southbound Snelling Avenue traffic to turn back onto the northbound Snelling Avenue to travel northbound/back one block to access into the Holiday Gas Station, which is the current traffic pattern.

**\* NOTE: Edmund Street Below:** (Be mindful that Edmund Street is already a blocked median intersection at Snelling Avenue) **this is a short, single, one block street from east to west, from Asbury to Snelling Avenue. The Edmund Avenue intersection could be reengineered to incorporate the desired bike path.** Edmund also extends itself from Snelling Avenue to the west to Aldine Street, which is a point of origin for the proposed bike / pedestrian route plan.





#### **Option #4)**

##### **Compromise:**

**Bike & Pedestrian Crossing goes across Snelling Avenue at Charles still allows all Snelling Ave. southbound cars from the points north of Charles Ave., to turn left, onto eastbound Charles Avenue.**

**Close the northbound Snelling Ave., left turn lane - onto westbound Charles. Construct only one (1) pedestrian crossing on the south intersection area.**

Prohibit left hand turns (going southbound towards University Ave.) from the westbound Charles Ave., at Snelling Avenue intersection as photo below shows.

**Prohibit U Turns for Northbound Snelling Ave., traffic at the Charles intersection**

**Still allow a U Turn for the Southbound Snelling Avenue traffic at Charles intersection to allow traffic to go back north to access into Holiday Gas Station business on Edmund.**

##### **Compromise:**

**Construct only just ONE (1) Ped/Bike Crossing on the south Side of Charles Ave.**

**\* Still allowing the Southbound Traffic on Snelling Ave. to turn Left going East onto Charles Ave. To access the Mortuary**



\* **Above:** Photos above are at the intersection of Snelling and Lincoln Avenues, south of Grand Ave., near Macalester College.

- This is not a lighted controlled intersection, but does have ONE (1) Ped. Crossing on South side of intersection.
- Options #1 and #3 offer safer lighted controlled crossings at Thomas and Minneahaha Aves.



**Compromise:**

**Photo below:**

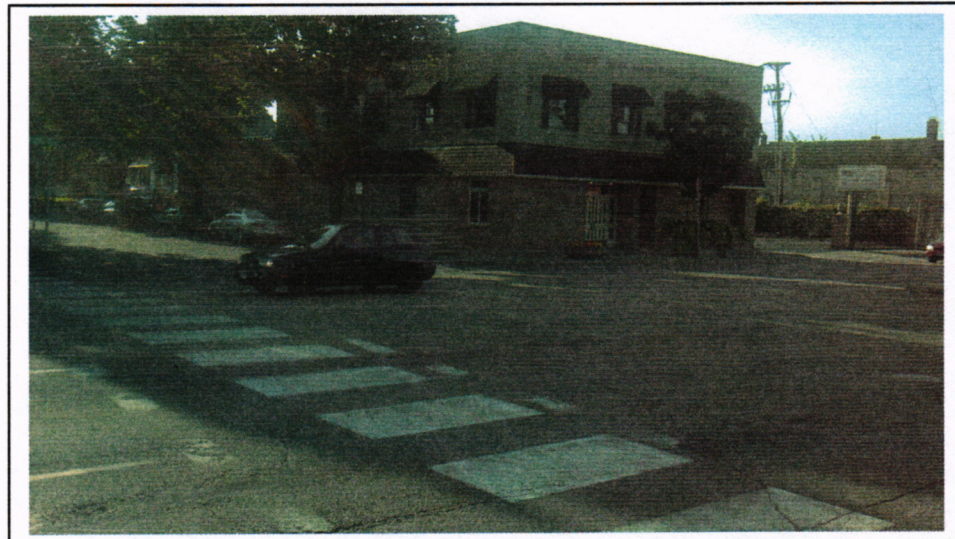
**Snelling Avenue at Charles Avenue with Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home on southeast corner intersection.**

**Keep the Snelling Avenue southbound turning lane open and continue allowing a left hand turn onto Charles Avenue** to allow families and their guests continued ease of access into the Mortuary for funerals, memorial services, visitation and to make funeral arrangements during their times of loss in life.

**Construct a single (1) one pedestrian / bike crossing lane refuge island on the south side of the Charles and Snelling Avenue intersection**, such as the previous photo showing the construction which was recently completed (2011) on Snelling Avenue near Lincoln (across from Macallester College)

**Discontinue a left hand turn onto the westbound street of Charles Avenue off of northbound traffic on Charles Avenue.**

**Also discontinue allowing any U turns from northbound Snelling Avenue traffic at Charles intersection.**



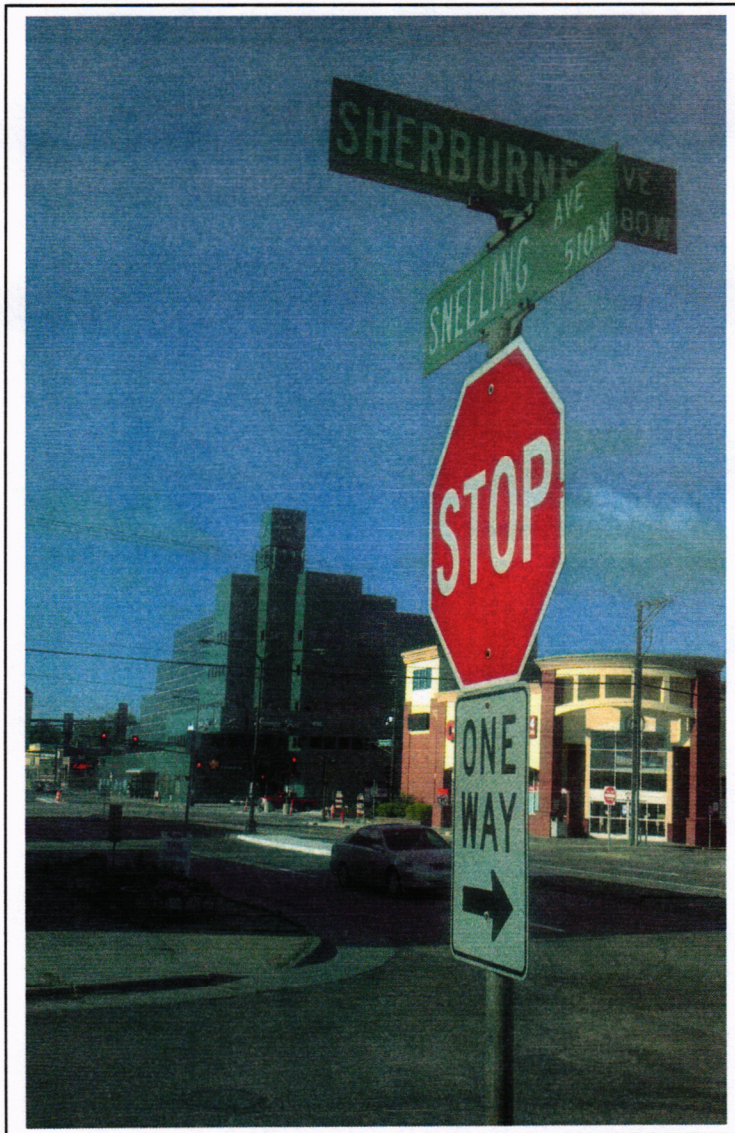
A continued left hand turn onto Charles, from the southbound Snelling Avenue traffic is vital to the continued service for this needed community business.



**Pertaining to opening the intersection of Sherburne and Snelling Avenue which is just one block north of the University and Snelling Avenue intersection, would become a significant traffic and safety hazard for all motorists.**

This opening would encourage U turns from the southbound Snelling Avenue at Sherburne Avenue **this would be a very dangerous option.**

Vehicular traffic moving northbound from University Avenue on Snelling Avenue from the traffic lights and navigating through the new light rail area, will have no intention of stopping for any crossing traffic at Sherburne Avenue including those needing to make a U Turn at Snelling and Sherburne Avenues to return back northbound on Snelling Avenue.



***\* Opening the Median at Snelling and Sherburne Avenue... One Block North of University Avenue ?***

***This is would most likely become a high accident intersection site area, just one block north of one of the busiest intersections in the Metro Area!***

***Please keep the intersection of Charles Avenue at Snelling Avenue open to allow southbound Snelling Avenue traffic to enter onto the eastbound Charles Avenue !***

***And preserve the Charles Avenue access to the funeral home and to the other businesses on and near this intersection !***

Richard Purcell  
Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
536 North Snelling Avenue at Charles Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55104  
651-646-2844  
***"Serving the St. Paul Communities since 1916"***



## **Charles Avenue Bike/Pedestrian Path**

The proposed path will run from Park (one block east of Rice Street) to Aldine Avenues on Charles Avenue. (Aldine is two blocks west of Snelling Avenue and Aldine is a north south street. Charles Avenue does not travel west of Aldine.

\* Sherburne, Charles and Edmund all end two blocks to the west of Snelling Avenue at Aldine. (These three streets all end at a "T" intersection here at Aldine)

### Proposal at hand currently includes:

1) To have installed 9 round a-bouts at various intersections, between Park and Aldine Avenues on Charles Avenue.

2) Crossing over Snelling Avenue at Charles Avenue at an unlit uncontrolled intersection. Eliminating any left hand turn at the intersection of Snelling Avenue at Charles Avenue

### Closing the left hand turns off Snelling onto Charles Avenue will impact several businesses including:

Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home and Cremation Service

Ellis Drum Shop

Curly's Barber Shop

Coffee Shop

Checkerboard Pizza

Griffith Printing

Dey Appliance

Taco Bell

Holiday Gas Station

And a multitude to residents living on Charles Avenue in apartments both to the west and east of Snelling Avenue.

### **Contacts**

Main City Council person and councilmen from our area is:

Councilman Russ Stark

Office 651-266-8640

Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us

(Please be aware that Councilman Russ Stark is himself a biker and uses the bus system to travel to and from work... he is supporting this project !)

### **You can call and voice concerns with**

**Mayor Coleman's Office**

651-266-8510

or go onto the City of St. Paul web site and

go to the Mayor's web sit and write and email your concerns regarding this issue to the mayor !

### Project Coordinator / Chair is:

Christina Morrison, Senior Planner

- 651-266-6546



- [Christina.Morrison@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Christina.Morrison@ci.stpaul.mn.us)

Other suggestions is to contact all City of St. Paul Councilmen and voice concerns

**>Concerns to the City Council and Mayors office are appreciated and will probably be heard louder and clearer**

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\*\*\* Additional Information, regarding this proposal can be read at [www.stpaul.gov/charles](http://www.stpaul.gov/charles)  
You can also register your concerns at this site.

**>Regarding Safety Concerns:**

>If this proposed Charles Avenue bike/pedestrian route is intended for the more inexperienced and younger cyclists, why on earth would they ever dare cross the 4 lanes of Snelling Avenue at a non-lighted intersection such as at Charles Avenue? Charles Avenue at Snelling is not a safe suggestion at all.

**Inexperienced and experienced cyclists should always cross a road such as Snelling Avenue at a lighted intersection that provides a controlled traffic stop.**

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>Thomas Avenue (2 blocks to the north of Charles Ave.) and Minnehaha Avenue (located just 6 blocks north of Charles Ave.) both have the controlled lighted intersections to offer, and offer a much safer place to cross

Snelling Avenue is a busy major 4 lane road which is also a designated truck route and state highway.

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>Any input you would be able to voice with our city council and project chairs would be helpful.

**>Please send your concerns into these city officials....  
Before it is too late !**

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>Why does our government continually spend money on projects like this, when we have reduced staff such as, policemen, firemen, paramedics, school teachers, school programs, etc., because of shrinking federal funds available ??? Where do they come up with money to spend on these kinds of non-essential projects?

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Please be sure that all concerns are written, emailed or dropped off to the City by **Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> and be placed into the FILE** regarding Charles Avenue Bike/Pedestrian Path Proposal



I am encouraging the city councilmen and the mayor to consider some small alternative routes between Asbury (one block east of Snelling Avenue) this will accomplish the requested bike/pedestrian path to be created, crossing Snelling Avenue with safety in mind, and to allow local businesses to continue in their current business design and accessibility needs with the following suggestions:

**Safety of the Pedestrians and Bikers is very important**

**Thomas Avenue already has a controlled traffic lighted intersection in place !**  
**Thomas Avenue is located just two blocks north of Charles Avenue**

**Edmund Avenue at Snelling is already a cemented in / blocked center median** where it intersects Snelling Avenue, keeping in mind that Edmund Street is a one (1) single block in length street between Asbury and Snelling Avenue, (Holiday Gas is on the east side of Snelling Ave., and Taco Bell is located on the west side of Snelling Avenue on the Edmund Street corners) This site of Edmund and Snelling Avenue offers a alternative option, where the proposed engineered safe haven medians could be constructed to crossing Snelling Avenue with the bike/pedestrian path as proposed and would have no new or negative impact on the areas businesses access needs.

The final chance for public concerns and the vote will be at:

**Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM**  
15 West Kellogg Blvd; St. Paul  
Council Chambers 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Comments can also be placed on this web site and more information found or to view the proposed design site on the city's website at  
[www.stpaul.gov/charles](http://www.stpaul.gov/charles)

**It is important that concerned citizens and community voices be heard and that written comments be made and requested to be placed into the "FILE" by Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

>Thank you for your time and interest on this important concern for our future.

Rich Purcell

Below are the recent published St. Paul Pioneer Press Articles regarding Proposed Bike/Pedestrian Path 2012

[http://www.twincities.com/stpaul/ci\\_21201815/joe-soucheray-local-businesses-are-way-prettier-bike](http://www.twincities.com/stpaul/ci_21201815/joe-soucheray-local-businesses-are-way-prettier-bike)

[http://www.twincities.com/stpaul/ci\\_21230721/st-paul-bicycle-boulevard-plan-charles-avenue-jolts](http://www.twincities.com/stpaul/ci_21230721/st-paul-bicycle-boulevard-plan-charles-avenue-jolts)