

Interested Parties –

I would suggest that you consider another alternative to your plan on Charles. First, University Avenue without parking on the north side is going to need some type of parking facilities and thus the properties on the south side of Sherburne is probably the best alternative. Accordingly, I would suggest you consider using Sherburne avenue and eliminate parking on the south side to allow sufficient room for dedicated bike paths and at University and at Lexington it is only one short block to use a stop light to cross these busy streets. Plus on Sherburne there is already a median on Snelling Avenue that could be used to cross Snelling Avenue.

Otherwise, I would suggest moving the bike path to either Thomas (2 block north) or to Minnehaha that is already a dedicated bike path plus they both have stoplights on all of the major intersections.

Seems that by forcing traffic off of Charles Avenue all you will be doing is moving the traffic onto other neighboring streets thus negatively impacting those streets. To me using Sherburne Avenue makes sense because many of the homes on the south side of Sherburne will eventually be turned into parking lots for the businesses on the north side of University Avenue.

Charles Avenue at Snelling Avenue needs to be left open for the businesses. Opening Sherburne up will cause nightmares with the busy Snelling/University Avenue intersection a short block away and a traffic hazard with people trying to make U turns. All the businesses that are there currently have clientele are used to the current configuration. Closing one intersection and opening another has great impact upon those impacted businesses.

Thank you.

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