

Hi Mr. Carter,

I am a resident of Frogtown and greatly favor the proposed bicycle route on Charles Ave. Despite the opposition that Mr. Purcell has conveyed I think this project has many advantages and benefits. Cyclists and pedestrians will need a main east-west route since University will chiefly serve LRT and motorists. It would be more harmful if we did not propose an alternative bike route like Charles because we'd then have cyclists riding down multiple side streets which would increase the likelihood of serious crashes. Charles Ave. would serve to streamline cyclists and make it safer. With Charles Ave. as the new designated bike route motorists will develop a sense of awareness to look for cyclists and pedestrians along this route which would result in greater safety for the community as a whole.

Mr. Purcell's argument for utilizing Minnehaha as the designated east-west route has many drawbacks. The notion of making Charles Ave. the designated east-west route is it's proximity to University Ave. Cyclists don't prefer to have to travel many blocks away from University Ave., especially if their destination is along University Ave. Other benefits include the traffic calming circles. Charles Ave. needs these traffic circles to encourage motorists to drive slower speeds. I know firsthand that drivers speed down these residential streets and these would help mitigate this issue.

I understand Mr. Purcell's argument and the potential negative impacts this project might have on his business, but we have to weigh the pros and cons and this project has way too many benefits to not move forward.

Thank you for your time,

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