

Council Members.

I am writing to ask you to vote to lay over consideration of the proposed Car2Go agreement to the July 9th Council meeting to allow the Planning Commission to review the proposal at their June 27th meeting before any decision is made by the Council. I realize this is after the proposed start date for the agreement, but I think this is too important a decision to be made without more substantial review.

I attended the meeting of the Transportation Committee yesterday afternoon to hear the presentation and discussion about the Car2Go agreement that is being proposed by the City, and that was laid over by the City Council on June 4th to allow for review by the Transportation Committee.

There were only three members of the Transportation Committee in attendance, one of whom, Chris Bineham, had to recuse himself from the discussion because of a conflict of interest. As a result, there was almost no discussion by the Chair and the one other member, and many of the good questions that were raised by Council members at your June 4th public hearing were not addressed. This did not accomplish what the Council intended when it voted to lay the Car2Go agreement over to the June 18th meeting to allow the Transportation Committee to review it.

During the meeting, Barb Thoman talked about some of the issues she raised in her June 4th letter, mainly related to data collection and monitoring of the pilot project. When I asked whether the district councils, business associations and residents in permit parking districts had been notified about this proposal, and was told they had not been alerted.

Speaking from the perspective of my own neighborhood, I know the Union Park District Council has not been briefed on this agreement. Nor has the Snelling Selby Area Business Association (SSABA) had the opportunity to learn about it and to determine whether they support it.

With the new Vintage and Whole Foods development going in at Snelling and Selby, it is especially important that the business association be consulted. They have set up a Parking Committee, which is currently meeting weekly, to work with businesses and residents to address the shortage of parking spaces and to figure out ways for businesses and residents to share both on-street and off-street parking resources. The committee is collecting data on existing parking spaces within a few blocks of the Snelling-Selby intersection, including the permit parking district to the east of Snelling that would be impacted by the Car2Go agreement. Especially critical is the next 15-month period when the Vintage and Whole Foods will be under construction, eliminating even more parking spaces which businesses depend on for survival.

Before the City Council votes to give Car2Go special parking privileges in this area, it is critical that the Snelling Selby Area Business Association (SSABA) and the Union Park District Council (UPDC) be consulted. Laying the Car2Go decision over to July 9th would allow some time for UPDC, SSABA and other district councils and business associations throughout the city to review and comment on the proposed Car2Go agreement.

Thank you for your consideration. **I urge you to vote to lay over the public hearing and decision on the proposed Car2Go agreement to the Council's July 9th meeting.**

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