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Allan Czaia City of St. Paul 900 City Hall Annex 25 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street St. Paul, MN 55102-1660

RE: Proposed Sidewalk Improvement project on the South side of E 6<sup>th</sup> Street-Wall to Broadway and on Broadway St-6<sup>th</sup> St. to 100" south.

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Dear Mr. Czaia,

I am writing in follow up to our phone conversation today regarding the above-proposed project.

As you know, our property is currently (and has been for many years) used as a surface parking lot. The lot has frontage on Wall, Sixth and Broadway streets. After speaking with Mr. Ortiz from the City on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and reviewing the proposed Sidewalk Improvement Design which he sent us (copy enclosed), we became aware that the proposed design calls for the removal of two existing aprons (AKA curb cuts). The first apron is onto East 6<sup>th</sup> Street and the notation on the plan reads: "Apron not in use-cracked,patched-30.2'". The second apron is onto Broadway and the notation on the plan reads "Apron not in use-23.3".

We are herewith requesting that you do not remove either of the aprons. Both of the aprons are currently in use and provide a critical means of access to and from the lot. For example, during local events such as the Farmers Market or music/art festivals in Mears Park, there are many parkers trying to get into and out of the lot at the same time. The aprons allow vehicles to readily enter and exit the lot from different sides, which in turn dissipates the congestion. The same situation (many vehicles trying to enter or exit at the same time) is expected to be magnified once the St. Paul Saints Stadium is in operation, thus making the aprons even more necessary. The aprons also alleviate the access problem at the main paybox entry to the lot, which is located on Wall Street just south of Sixth Street. When vehicles are travelling north on Wall (either while moving or stopped for the light at Sixth) they obstruct the main lot entry from Wall so that vehicles travelling south on Wall cannot turn into the lot from Wall Street. However vehicles can and do continue travelling south on Wall down to Fifth then go around the block and enter the lot from one of the aprons on Broadway or Sixth Street.

The aprons, which have been in place for many years, are critical to the internal and external circulation of our property. We again request that you do not remove either of them.

We look forward to hearing from you after you have reviewed this further with the Traffic Department.

Very truly yours

Sixth Street Investors, LLC

Paul A. Baillon

Chairman







