

Dear City Council,

I write to all of you in hopes that you will support the proposed bike plan in the coming weeks. As of late, the downtown loop has been [an issue of contention](#) from business owners such as Jim Crockarell.

Although I respect Mr. Crockarell's view, I believe his perspective is tainted by his ownership of businesses that cater specifically to the wealthier members of our society. [The Atlantic magazine recently featured our metro area in an article](#) stating that our city's economic health comes not from catering to the wealthy, but rather from creating a society in which everyone can work to raise their position in life.

For me, I have been able to finish college and get better employment because I have switched my primary transportation method from being car oriented to being bicycle oriented. I feel empowering this kind of switch in our residents gives everyone, not just hotel owners, a shot at success. In fact, [I recently wrote an article for Streets.MN outlining how an investment in the downtown bike loop would provide much greater ROI for the city](#) than Crockarell's desire for continued investment into street parking.

The city of Saint Paul has provided residents with ample opportunity to comment on this bike plan, and [the results have been predominantly in favor of said plan](#). Please vote in favor of the bike plan including the downtown loop. With the exception of a few wealthy downtown residents, the implementation of this plan is clearly what the people of Saint Paul, your constituents, desire.

Thank you as always for your continued service to the city where I live and love.

Sincerely,

Daniel Choma