

Hello,

I am a resident of Ward 4. I live near the intersection of Hamline Avenue and Charles Avenue. As a resident of the immediate area, I strongly support the addition of bike lanes on Hamline Avenue. I advocate for any new bike infrastructure to be implemented with highest concern for the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, as we are the most vulnerable users of roads and sidewalks. I realize it may not be feasible at this time to add protected bike lanes, but I ask that any new bike infrastructure be done to allow for the addition of lane protectors in the future.

I am a mother who frequently bikes with my young children on a cargo bike. Cycling is our primary mode of transportation in St. Paul. We truly need better, safer, and more comprehensive bike facilities in our city. Climate change is upon us, and the future will bring an increased emphasis on cycling for transportation as fossil fuel use and emissions are increasingly restricted. An investment in high-quality bike infrastructure now is an investment in sustainable transportation that will have benefits reaching far into the future. Thank you very much for advocating on our behalf.

Sincerely,
Rachel Kerr

Dear Councilmember Stark,

I'm writing to express my support for bike lanes on Hamline Avenue. My wife and I moved to the Midway area (Lafond+Dunlap) a couple of years ago from the Eastside, and have been so pleased with the accommodation in Midway for bicyclists - except on Hamline, which is very difficult on which to ride; we're relegated to the sidewalk, which is problematic and unsafe for us as well as pedestrians.

A bike lane on Hamline would make it easier and safer to cycle to errands etc instead of driving, which is certainly a benefit to the entire community.

Thanks for your time and attention to this.

Regards
Elias Anthan
11xx Lafond Avenue

Dear Luke, Paul, and others,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed improvements to Hamline Avenue between University and Minnehaha / Pierce Butler. I commute between my home on Seminary Ave just east of Hamline to the U of M via a combination of bike and light rail.

On a typical day, I bike north up Hamline to Pierce Butler and westward to the U in the morning. In the afternoon, I take the light rail from campus to the Hamline Ave station and bike north up Hamline to Seminary.

I love my hybrid commute, and would love it even more with a dedicated bike lane on Hamline. My schedule tends to be early enough that traffic is relatively light at the times I am riding, but when I do end up riding later, things feel pretty dicey.

I believe establishing Hamline as a key bike route will further encourage both biking to neighborhood businesses and additional utilization of the light rail by extending the range of easy access to the Hamline station. All of which should get at least a few cars off the road, which will be better for everyone.

Sincerely,
Tracy Kugler

As a long-term resident at the corner of Lafond and Hamline, I would like to request that either:

1) This project be modified to just be a repaving: no signage, parking, or other changes.

or

2) This project be deferred until the bike plan be reviewed to determine whether Hamline Ave is the appropriate path.

In support of option 1: since current proposal interferes with long-term usage (i.e., parking) with no real benefit (the proposed bike path isn't connected at either end to anything, nor is there a reasonable hope that the south end ever will be), there is no good reason to alter parking at this point. If a full path solution is ever developed (see next paragraph), it can be implement in the future with no more effort than doing so now. In other words, the current plan spends extra money now and makes people miserable, but has no benefit.

In the long term, the neighborhood needs a viably way to move bicycles and people along Snelling Ave between Hamline University and the Fairgrounds: using the current sidewalks is hazardous due to the on/off ramps. Once Snelling becomes a usable path, the bicycle path can then continue down Pascal Ave - which is currently a designated bike path, is appropriately marked, and is continuous from Pierce Butler to Marshall Ave. That is a much more appropriate North/South bike path than Hamline and it requires no disruption of existing uses.

In support of option 2: I drive this road multiple times every day. It is in reasonable shape and does not need resurfacing at this time. As a benefit of retaining the current condition, it avoids becoming an even more desirable alternate route for Snelling Ave traffic.

Thank you for listening.

Craig Finseth
13xx Lafond

Hi, we are Jim & Judy Jendro and we reside on Taylor Avenue W just off Hamline Avenue. We are totally against the proposed bike lane on Hamline between Minnehaha and Pierce Butler because it would eliminate parking on both sides of Hamline Avenue.

We once again have a school across Pierce Butler and in previous years both sides of our street and Hamline Avenue were used by school employees for parking. Both sides of our street were filled up with cars and sometimes parked directly in front of our driveway making it impossible to get in or out. The street is very narrow with cars parked on both sides and it makes is very hard for us to back out of our driveway especially in the winter as the street is narrower with the snow. Also, during school meetings with teachers and parents, our street is again filled with cars leaving no room if we have people visiting.

I hope you will take these things into consideration when making the decision.

Thank you.
Jim & Judy Jendro

Good Morning Councilmember Stark,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Hamline Avenue bike lanes from University Avenue to Pierce Butler Route. This project represents an important step towards carrying out the city's bike plan, and provides the foundation for a strong, easily-navigable north-south connection through Saint Paul. I am particularly excited about this project as a Hamline-Midway resident and am looking forward to having more sustainable transportation options in our neighborhood, in addition to the traffic calming effects of bicycle infrastructure on a busy roadway.

I ask for your support on this project. Thank you for helping to make Saint Paul a safer place to bike and walk!

Sincerely,

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