

Good day,

I support converting Myrtle Ave to a one-way street and adding the proposed bike lanes to the street. The current setup of the street is already quite narrow with parked cars and always puts you in the way of motorists that are behind you. Eliminating a driving lane and adding the two-way bike lane will get rid of that issue. I also think it will make the existing bike trail more visible to users unfamiliar with the area that need to use Myrtle as a connection between Pelham and Raymond Ave.

Thank you,
Andrew Balfour
7xx Raymond Ave
St Paul

I'll start by saying I like bikes. Many friends of mine are avid bikers and I am an occasional biker. That being said, in my opinion we are going way overboard with bike lanes. Car traffic has never been worse in the city. It seems we keep squeezing more driving areas and parking spots for more bike lanes.

Do the impact studies you all do justify the expense of all of these changes? What percentage of the Saint Paul population actually uses these lanes versus those that use cars?

I understand that some believe that if we make more bike paths more people will bike and not drive. I don't see that happening based on my commute time being worse today than ever before to get to 94 and head north to Blaine everyday.

Finally, the greatest concern I have about bike lane expansion is that the vast majority of bikers who are not abiding by laws. If we are going to have folks occupy the roads, perhaps we should consider a bike license and a test of the road for their safety and the safety of the drivers on the road as well.

Thanks for listening.

Brian Stevens
St Paul resident for 36 years

From: Dana DeMaster
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 11:58 AM
To: Collins, Reuben (CI-StPaul); #CI-StPaul_Ward2
Subject: Pelham Bike =Boulevard

Dear Mr. Collins and Councilperson Noecker,

I am writing in support of the Pelham Bikeway that has a hearing at the June 7, 2017, council meeting. Protected, separated bike ways are critical bicycle infrastructure. We ride as a family and I feel much safer with my children when we are separated from traffic. These sorts of projects help our family bike together.

Pelham Boulevard is an important link between the River Road, Marshall Avenue, and University Avenue. My mother-in-law lives near Highway 280 and University Avenue and this project will make it possible for our family to bike to her house, as well as provide a safer passage between University and Marshall Avenues when we are without our children.

Regards,

Dana DeMaster
9xx Bayard Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Thank you for the plan to provide striped bike lanes. It is a start in encouraging more people to feel safe biking. The Pelham-Myrtle streets were my bike route to work for 35 years. To get to River Road, I still use this route.

Until the City addresses the following related issues, it will still be unsafe for cyclists:

Speeding vehicles heading south on Pelham but cyclists turning from Myrtle to Pelham cannot see them due to all the parked cars;

Drivers honking at and swerving into cyclists;

Cars pulling in front of cyclists heading east on Myrtle (they can see cyclists are turning left to go north on Raymond; cyclists signal but auto drivers do not);

Trucks pulling in front of cyclists on Pelham near the rail tracks;

Car doors on Myrtle swinging into bikes.

St Paul still insists on supporting massive on-street parking lots rather than providing truly safe routes for bikes and walkers. It has taken many decades to get bike lanes... maybe we will finally have a bikeable St Paul by the time I'm 90 years old, if I haven't been run over and killed before then.

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I completely support the bike lane which will connect St. Anthony Park to the river trails.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help complete the Grand Rounds, an idea that has been decades in the making and ever more important today.

Susan McCabe

14xx Grantham Street

St. Paul

This is a great project!

I am very familiar with the streets impacted by this project; each workday (plus some weekend days) I either drive or bike this route to and from work. These improvements will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Ryan Van Schyndel

21xx Dudley Ave.

St. Paul

My name is Ty Zajic and I work at Saunders Therapy Centers (Physical Therapy) just east of the proposed restructuring of Myrtle Rd to a 1-way route. Here are some of my concerns and proposed solutions if this project were to proceed.

1. Many people take Myrtle to work every day. Hundreds of cars travel this route each day. Many of the people zig-zag from Pelham, to Myrtle, to Raymond. If this becomes a 1-way heading west, it would definitely disrupt the flow of traffic. Many people drive this route to avoid the Franklin / University Ave route bc of car congestion and it is a longer route and people don't like to back track and add extra time to their drive.
2. The flow of traffic would be pushed to University Ave or Wabash. And this is OK, however, Wabash is not in good shape, especially where WABASH meets RAYMOND. There are a lot of semi trucks that go in and out of the loading yards there. There are also train tracks that I believe haven't been used in many years there. The road is FULL of potholes around the train tracks. If this project proceeds, I would like to see WABASH upgraded as well and maybe the train tracks (if not used) be removed to prevent early degeneration of the road surfaces. This would end up being a main route of traffic for many, including myself.
3. Traffic to our clinic has already been somewhat limited by the light rail, so only eastbound traffic can directly enter the parking lot. Any west bound traffic has to either turn on Hampden or Raymond and drive a pitted back route to enter on the south side of the clinic. Many semi trucks also drive this route and it is full of delivery trucks. Restricting another way to get to the clinic would further cause issues for our patients, of which, our main concern is the elderly.

I hope that you take my concerns and proposed solutions into consideration. Simply modifying Myrtle Ave without upgrading Wabash would cause grief for a lot of motorists.

Thank you,

Ty Zajic

Hello,

I will be out of town during the 6/7 Pelham Bikeway Public Hearing but wanted to send a note in support of the project to improve bike safety and slow traffic. I work in this area and think traffic could be slowed and would consider biking if bike lanes were more available and more safe related to car traffic in this area. I would be happy to provide more information and thanks for your consideration.

Thanks,
Kathleen