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HunWen Westman, P.E.
City of Saint Paul, Department of Public Works
800 City Hall Annex
25 West 4th Street
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Dear HunWen:

On February 8, 2018, the Macalester Groveland Community Council held a public meeting, at which it passed the attached resolution as recommended by its Transportation committee.

Thank you for your partnership and leadership on the Grand Ave Pedestrian Safety initiative. We appreciate your work to make our streets safer for all modes of transport!

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Liz Boyer
Executive Director

CC via email: Ward 3, City of Saint Paul



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Whereas, there have been multiple pedestrian crashes at the intersection of **Grand/Syndicate**, including one tragic fatality in 2011;

Whereas, the intersection of **Grand/Syndicate** is a heavily used intersection with a current increase in pedestrian use due to the expansion of the Kowalski's grocery store at the northeast corner and a new mixed use development at the northwest corner;

Whereas, the intersection of **Grand/Syndicate** is heavily used by bicyclists due to a lack of convenient nearby north-south connection alternatives;

Whereas, the Macalester-Groveland Community Council, the Grand Ave Business Association and the Summit Hill Association jointly requested CIB funding for pedestrian safety improvements at **Grand/Syndicate** and Grand/Dunlap in 2010, 2012 and 2014;

Whereas, the City of Saint Paul applied for and received federal funding in 2015 for a project titled "Grand Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements" to augment CIB funding awarded in 2014 and expand the project to include six additional intersections (Hamline to Victoria);

Whereas, the need for pedestrian safety improvements at the **Grand/Syndicate** intersection was specifically noted in the application for federal funding including citing media reports of pedestrian crashes at the **Grand/Syndicate** intersection;

Whereas, the businesses located on the north side of the **Grand/Syndicate** intersection were prepared to incorporate bumpouts into a renovation project in 2015 and new construction in 2017 but were told by the City that construction of four bumpouts (one at each corner at the **Grand/Syndicate** intersection) would occur when the federally-funded project was implemented;

Whereas, the project was delayed until 2018 resulting in increased project costs;

Whereas, two intersections must be selected for reduced pedestrian safety improvements, likely two instead of four bumpouts, to cut project costs while three remaining intersections will receive four bumpouts;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Macalester-Groveland Community Council requests that bumpouts be preserved at all four corners of the **Grand/Syndicate** intersection in final plans for the "Grand Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements" project to be constructed in 2018.