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Subject: Payne Avenue Resurfacing/Pedestrian/Bike lane work

Fay,

Thanks for getting back to us and taking the time to discuss the project in detail.

First, we applaud any effort to improve pedestrian safety. While we would like St Paul to be more aggressive with crosswalk striping, pedestrian controlled flashing stoplights and especially driver education and enforcement, we hope the pedestrian median refuges will help (kind of a sad comment, though, when we have to build refuges to protect pedestrians from drivers/vehicles).

Second, as we discussed with you, the parking data in the presentation (which was collected during winter months) is not indicative of use. In the warmer weather, when all the residents are back from milder climates and snow plowing is over, parking is highly utilized. Most nights in summer, the number of my neighbors parking illegally overnight exceeds the max number noted in the presentation for the East side between Woodward and Hopkins street. Also, many events at the Music Cafe fill every spot in a several block radius. Looking forward, when construction begins on 520 Payne, there will be dozens of construction workers and vehicles parking in the neighborhood.

Please include our comments in your notes to the CityCouncil. Again, thanks for your time and effort on this.

Regards,
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Subject: Payne Ave Bike Lanes

Hello,

I am writing in support of the bike lanes on Lower Payne Avenue. Currently there are bike lanes on sections of Lower Payne Avenue that go exactly nowhere. This is because they were installed with the completed network in mind. Lanes on Tedesco will need to connect with something and the proposed lanes on Payne Avenue make that connection. These are also important because they lead to the Bruce Vento trailhead at 7th Street. That intersection was rebuilt with bike lanes, as well, which are supposed to connect to something.

I proposed to Public Works that instead of removing on-street parking I think they should remove the turn lane. The reason for this is because I don't believe there is a lot of turning movement. Clearly, there

aren't a lot of destinations to the west, and there are almost none at all to the east (Swede Hollow). The much needed turn lane at 7th street would obviously be preserved, as it currently exists with bike lanes.

Nevertheless, I believe this project should go forward whether the trade is on-street parking or a turn lane. Side street parking exists for nearby commercial buildings and this is an important part of our bikeway network. We have already made investments that depend upon this connection.

Thank you,

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