

To Whom It May Concern,

As a bike commuter who lives on Feronia Avenue, I support the Fairview Avenue Bike Lane Project.

Please add my name and comment to the record—thank you,

Carl Schlueter

Hello,

I currently work in St. Paul, for the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District. The opinions I express in the following email are my own, and not that of my employer.

My job is to treat the storm drains in St. Paul for the species of mosquito that spread West Nile Virus. By virtue of St. Paul's intimate street plan, it is most effective, efficient, and sustainable to treat drains in St. Paul by bicycle. This includes both residential streets and busier arterials.

As a working person in St. Paul, the Fairview Ave. Bike lanes stand to make my job safer, and less intrusive to the easily angered motoring public.

People will ask, "who are these lanes for?" As a working person of St. Paul, hear from me, and please acknowledge, that these bike lanes serve people who have to work for a living, and not just those who own property.

Thank you,

Max Singer

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed parking restrictions and bike lane striping for the resurfacing project on Fairview Ave between University Ave and Minnehaha Ave. This will make the connection between University and Minnehaha safer for cyclists, and the loss of parking spots should have a negligible effect on this section of road where parking spots are seldom full.

Thanks,

Rheannon Thompson  
1863 Grand Ave  
Saint Paul, MN

Hello,

As residents of the Midway, I would like to state our family's strong support of the bike lanes proposed for Fairview Avenue between University and Minnehaha.

We live 2 blocks from Fairview and Minnehaha and my kids and I bike and walk on this stretch of Fairview daily. We support any and all improvements that will create space for cyclists. We believe bike lanes will also slow car traffic and make Fairview safer for pedestrians as well.

Thank you for making these improvements possible. We look forward to riding these new bike lanes soon!

Sincerely,  
Dan Marshall, Millie Adelsheim & family  
882 Tatum Street

My name is Brett Ripley and I live in Midway. I *heartily* support the proposed bike lanes on Fairview and particularly the one on Territorial.

The biggest bang for our buck (bike infrastructure wise) we can get right now is east-west routes to connect into the already great Minneapolis infrastructure.

Parking is a complete non-issue in most parts of St. Paul and so it would be pretty ludicrous to see it not pass because of that.

Thanks,  
Brett

Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of two proposed bikeways that will be coming up for a vote at this Wednesday's City Council meeting and public hearing.

The first is on Fairview Avenue between University and Minnehaha Avenues.

The second is on Territorial Road, between Barry Street and Raymond Avenue. Both projects are part of the Saint Paul Bikeways Plan, approved unanimously by this council in 2015.

Fairview Avenue was recently striped with improved bike lanes from Marshall to University Avenues as part of a full street reconstruction.

Like Prior Avenue to the west, Fairview is one of the few streets that crosses both Interstate 94 and the CP Rail line. Extending these bike lanes north would provide another north-south route, allowing cyclists to safely reach the Midway neighborhood and bikeways on Minnehaha Avenue and Pierce Butler Route.

Territorial Road is a useful, safer, parallel alternative to University Avenue that goes from Cleveland Avenue all the way to Minneapolis. This is because portions of it are blocked to thru-traffic by motor vehicles but allow bikes to pass through. The proposed project would improve safety in the one area that has high volumes of faster-moving trucks and cars, near Interstate 280.

In both project areas, there are currently low parking utilization rates.

So removing parking from one side of each street would have minimal impact on parking availability.

I urge you all to vote in favor of both of these bikeways.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andrew Singer, Co-Chair  
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Dear Council Members,

I urge you to please vote in support of the Fairview Ave and Territorial Road bike lanes.

The proposed lanes on Fairview fill a big gap in the current bike network, as lanes end at University, without connection to the east-west lanes on Minnehaha. While some parking will be removed, parking studies show it is parking that is almost never used anyway (I don't recall ever seeing more than one car, if that, parked in the proposed area in all my trips through that section). If anything, parking should be removed along the entire stretch to fully make room for buffered bike lanes. While there is parking being used just north of Charles, there are also many, many parking lots nearby that are generally quite underutilized.

The proposed lanes on Territorial Road should also be approved and added. Trying to ride on University feels like taking your life into your own hands (or at least trusting that drivers are paying enough attention to not hit and kill you) and there is currently no good way to get east-west through the Midway industrial area that is remotely direct or includes bike facilities. I often ride on Territorial east of Raymond myself, so my only complaint about the project is that the lanes should extend all the way until Territorial ends at Vandalia, instead of just from Raymond to Berry. The proposed lanes would help connect the growing Raymond-University area to the also-growing Westgate area.

I hope you approve both projects and help complete existing bikeway gaps while also expanding bikeways in growing areas.

Zack Mensinger  
Ward 4 resident

Hello,

I am writing in support of Fairview Ave bike lanes between University and Minnehaha. I live in the Midway neighborhood and frequently bike on Fairview south of University, but then once I cross University there is no good way to continue north. It would be great to have bike lanes to connect to the bike lanes on Minnehaha and to keep our neighborhood safer for bikers. I understand a small amount of parking will be removed but I don't see crowded parking over there frequently and think there are plenty of parking locations for those who drive in this area.

I'm really excited about the opportunity to extend the Fairview Ave bike lanes. I've been seeing a lot of bikers (including whole families of bikers!) during the pandemic and think that more bike lanes will

contribute to people feeling safe when out riding and will help encourage more people to commute and run errands by bike (I take the Fairview bike lanes south of University down to the Merriam Park library, for example) and will also encourage families to go out biking with their kids!

Thanks!

Hannah