

I am writing to you regarding the SPPW Hamline Avenue resurfacing project.

I understand the interest in adding bike lanes to Hamline Avenue as part of this project.

Here is why I am writing. I don't think it's fair to take all of the street parking away from my neighbors on Hamline Avenue. The proposal would prohibit street parking for people who live across the street from Cretin – Derham Hall high school. Residents who already have limited street parking options due to the high school (bad enough to have permit parking) – will now lose the street parking they have in front of their homes.

As an alternative, what if the following were considered:

Current proposal: Parking will “be prohibited on the East Side of Hamline Avenue from Highland Parkway to the alley south of Randolph Avenue.”

New proposal: Parking will “be prohibited on the East Side of Hamline Avenue from Highland Parkway to Niles Avenue.” Parking would be permitted on the East Side of Hamline Avenue from Niles Avenue to Randolph Avenue.

With this proposal, Hamline Avenue homeowners between Niles Avenue and Randolph would still keep their street parking.

I understand the reason for not taking the street parking away from the Nook and other Hamline Avenue businesses. It is not reasonable or fair to take their parking away. In the same way, I don't think it is reasonable or fair to take street parking away from the Hamline residents between Niles Avenue and Randolph Avenue. The proposed modification to the plan is minor, and would allow these residents to keep their street parking. I hope you do the right thing and make this change.

Thank you for your consideration.

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