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To: \*CI-StPaul Contact-Council
Subject: Proposed Bike Lane on Wabasha
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## Dear Councilmembers,

Please do not approve the bike lane on Wabasha downtown. This will make it difficult for the Amsterdam Bar and Hall to book bands, due to the loss of dedicated space in front of the business for bands to load/unload equipment. Please consider moving the bike lane to St. Peter, where businesses will not be as impacted.

As a longtime St. Paul resident, I have seen downtown St. Paul go through several attempts at revival. The Amsterdam actually brings people downtown again, and it would be sad if we lost that business. I am all in favor of a more bike friendly city, but if there is an alternative that doesn't cause potential loss of business to downtown, I would rather see that. I remember the sad days of downtown St. Paul being a ghost town after 5PM. Please do whatever you can to not go back to that era. Please do not put a bike lane on Wabasha.

Thank you,

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