

From: [Debbie Mishler](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Re: Capital City Bikeway Interim Design and Upcoming Hearing
Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 4:48:41 PM

Hello,

I would like to add to my email from previously. I do oppose the Bikeway on Wabasha Street. I believe there isn't enough room for it. There is a lot of traffic on Wabasha Street. I think it would be better on St. Peter. St. Peter is less congested.

I also believe it will hurt the businesses on Wabasha Street with less on street parking and the Bikeway being in front of their doors and driveways. In addition to this, there will be more construction and more time that will be taken from businesses. My business has already gone through Rice Park Renovation. That was a year and a half. It has also went through Mears Park Renovation of the sidewalks in 2019. Then Covid hit and Riots and other nonsense in Mears Park last year. Looking forward to getting up and running after all this.

I will be looking at another summer with a location potentially shut down.

Again, Please, If you do put this thing on Wabasha Street. **Please**, leave me enough space to do business for years to come on 5th and Wabasha. My Hot Dog Carts add to the uniqueness of Downtown St. Paul, and I cannot just put my cart anywhere. They are where they are for business for a reason. Also, I need to be able to get my carts out on the sidewalk during construction. Hoping this will be possible.

Reading the letters posted for the meeting has made me become quite emotional. St. Paul has had growing pains as well as a lot of other pains and I do not want to see these businesses go. They will be greatly impacted. Looks like by the looks of the proposed map that the loading area for Amsterdam will be way down in front of Victory Ramp? I don't see a proposed loading area for Amsterdam on Wabasha between 5th and 6th. Maybe they will now be expected to load in front of Walgreens. Wonder if places like Afro Deli will be able to load at 7th Place still? And how will it affect the Parking Ramp on the West Side of Wabasha Street between 4th and 5th? Their traffic will come out where the Bikeway is.

Also looks like it is proposed to make 4th and Wabasha in front of Victory Ramp a Commercial Vehicle Loading area? This will have an impact on using that for a turn lane during busy times.

Hopefully this will not eliminate more businesses Downtown. We need workers downtown, not just residents. There is already less business Store Fronts and less Employers downtown. We need a good mix of each.

Thanks for your attention on this matter and hopefully this letter will make it into the meeting also.

Please keep in mind the small businesses and micro businesses that have remained on Wabasha Street for many years when making this decision. Please SEE us and take into every account.

From a person who puts her heart and soul into St. Paul,

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On Wed, May 5, 2021 at 9:01 AM Debbie Mishler <dmishler529@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I recently learned about the Bikeway that was recommended for Wabasha Street. I looked at the maps provided in the presentation. Looks like bump outs are **not** being removed on the East Side of Wabasha Street. I am thankful for that.

I would like to voice my concern about the bump out on the East Side of Wabasha on the corner of 5th and Wabasha. I own Deb's Hot Dogs and my Hot Dog Cart sits on the corner of 5th and Wabasha. The cart has been at that location for at least 7-8 years. I generate money for the City and State by employment, Right of Way Permit paid monthly for the sidewalk and Sales Tax as well as Income Tax.

I emailed Public Works and Lisa Hiebert had emailed me back. She forwarded my emails to the Project Engineer as well as the Traffic Engineer. I guess the Traffic Engineer had replied saying that the bumpout may be modified (shortened), but not completely removed.

My concern is that it would be modified in a way that my Hot Dog Cart would no longer fit there. It is a pretty large bumpout there currently. Hopefully I can be assured that when the construction is done that I will still be able to obtain a Right of Way Permit and operate off of that corner.

I see there is a Hearing coming up and I wanted to voice my concerns so that they are brought forward.

I have included a photo from Google Maps. The picture may be a little elongated.

Please don't forget about me,

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