We just received notice of an assessment @ $26.55/foot for the public improvement project listed in the email subject line.

Last year I voted to support a "Common Cent 1% sales tax" increase, which to quote the Saint Paul website "is to be used for repairs and improvements to streets, bridges, parks and recreational facilities WITHIN the city". Out of the $1B generated, $738M is allocated for streets.

Now shortly after supporting this I get a street assessment for $1300.

It is beyond comprehension that you would ask for that sales tax increase and then turn around 6 months later and hand out a not insignificant property tax assessment (on top of a property tax increase!).

Furthermore you approved Highland Bridge development with the assessment that our streets could "handle the additional volume" and continue to approve multi unit structures without acceptable off street parking (e.g. 611 Cleveland Ave S) which adds to the wear and tear and congestion issues - I support improving the housing situation in St. Paul however units should NOT be approved without sufficient off street parking included (4 off street units are NOT enough for a 24 unit building and it is a joke to allow a developer to say "the goal is to attract people who want good access to transit" - a feel good only statement.)

Minnesota, Ramsey County, and St. Paul are already a high expense places to live. We are taxed on pensions and social security, have high property and sales taxes vs. the surrounding areas…and you just continue to assess and request incremental funding. I am a proud, long term St. Paul citizen. I have not fled to the burbs and have repeatedly supported investment in our community. But now you are pushing even my limits and the financial comparison is getting too great to justify away.

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