

From: [Shawn Wood](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Re: Objection to proposed assessment - 2024 Mill and Overlay - Cretin/Bayard Area, Phase2
Date: Friday, June 21, 2024 12:33:16 PM

Dear City Council,

I'm just following up to ensure this email has been received. I want to make sure my voice is heard in this process. If you could please reply with a note that it was read and received. I would greatly appreciate it.

One other thing to add is that our street (2100 Block of Bayard) does not need resurfacing. There are many other streets throughout the city that should be done before ours. With all of the construction at the Ford Plant/Highland Bridge, those construction vehicles are taking a toll on Cretin ave. I would assume the developer would cover a majority of this project. That paired with the property taxes and 1% sales tax increase, there should be no additional assessment on the homeowner or at least a greatly reduced amount.

Sincerely,
Shawn Wood

On Thu, May 30, 2024 at 6:01 PM Shawn Wood <shawn.wood.mn@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Council,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed assessment for the resurfacing project on Cretin/Bayard, which affects my property at 2171 Bayard Ave. My family and I have resided at this address for more than 23 years, and during this time, we have consistently contributed to the maintenance and improvement of our community through sales and property taxes.

The recent Sales tax increase of 1% along with the taxes we already pay are intended to cover public infrastructure maintenance, including road resurfacing. Therefore, I find it both unfair and unacceptable to be subjected to an additional assessment of \$1,247.85 for a project that should be financed by the funds already allocated for such purposes.

Historically, our neighborhood has not been assessed for these large amounts, and this sudden imposition is not only a financial burden but also a deviation from the city's established practices. We already pay approximately \$120 annually in assessments, and this new proposed assessment exceeds that amount by more than tenfold. Such a significant increase is unreasonable and places an undue strain on our family and neighbors.

I urge the City Council to reconsider this proposed assessment and explore alternative funding methods that do not disproportionately impact homeowners. Utilizing the existing tax revenues, which we diligently pay, would be a more just and equitable solution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that the City of Saint Paul will act in the best interests of its residents by addressing this concern promptly and fairly.

Sincerely,
Shawn Wood

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