

May 17, 2017

Dear Stakeholder,

As you are hopefully aware, the City will be undertaking a resurfacing project along E 38th St between Minnehaha Ave and W River Road this summer. This presents an opportunity to implement a bikeway through restriping and signing; the bikeway is part of the City's Bicycle Master Plan.

Many stakeholders have been engaging with us on the proposed bikeway since last fall and we thank everyone for your input and participation in these community conversations. We have gathered much valuable input and we appreciate the community taking the time to talk with us. In our work with the community, we have heard both support for and opposition to the proposed bicycle lanes. These conversations have not always been easy but they have been critical to developing the project.

The Public Works Project Team has presented a wealth of technical information supporting the installation of the bicycle lanes. We've adjusted our recommended design in direct response to the input we've received, in a way that allows us to continue to meet the goals of our project while responding to the input received and concerns raised. All information can be found on our project website including a full summary of our engagement process, the rationale for the proposed bikeway and the recommended layout.

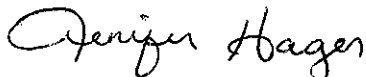
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Public Works will proceed with the project as presented at the most recent community meeting on May 9, 2017 and as currently shown on the project webpage. Final decisions on the project are the authority of the City Engineer, including changes in parking and loading zones, and will be administratively processed and documented in a letter "To the Record". The resurfacing project is scheduled to occur in July, exact dates are not yet available but will be provided on the project website as they do become available. The bikeway installation will follow the pavement work.

We are committed to an ongoing dialogue with the community. We intend to evaluate the operation of the bicycle lanes; we've heard clear concern over the proposal to allow short-term parking at two locations between 6 am and Noon. We are also committed to working directly with the small business owners to evaluate the impact to their businesses a result of the project. We remain open to future adjustments as deemed necessary per the ongoing evaluation and dialogue.

Again, thank you for working with us on this project. Your time and input are valuable and you have helped to shape the project design and implementation.

Sincerely,



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