

Joy of the People
890 Cromwell Ave
St Paul, MN 55114



March 23rd, 2015

Office of the Mayor
390 City Hall
15 Kellogg Blvd. West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mayor Coleman:

On behalf of Joy of the People, a not for profit organization whose mission is the building of healthy kids and communities through free play, active fun and the promotion of the use of our parks and open spaces through youth development in soccer, please accept this letter of support for the CIB request related to the Westgate Bike Lane Project proposed by St. Anthony Park Community Council (SAPCC) D12.

The Westgate entry point into the Saint Anthony Park neighborhood, and bordering the South St Anthony Recreation Center which JOTP leases from the City of St Paul, serves as an important access for JOTP participants utilizing our programs year round. As an organization that promotes healthy living and lifestyles, we heartily endorse the plan to make the Westgate entry point a more bike and pedestrian friendly thoroughfare while also improving the safety of all those traveling through the Westgate entry point into the Saint Anthony Park neighborhood. JOTP participants and program coordinators arrive and depart the Recreation Center via many forms of transit including on bicycle, on foot, and by car. JOTP would benefit from an improved access system tied to the Green Line allowing more participants to utilize our programs via bicycle and by foot; the proposed improvements to Westgate would help to provide for safer access to Joy of the People, allowing for and encouraging more kids to participate in our programs, while serving our objectives of promoting healthy living and lifestyles.

We strongly encourage you to support this proposal.

Sincerely,

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