



January 14, 2015

Capital Improvement Budget Committee
c/o John McCarthy, Senior Budget Analyst
City of Saint Paul – Office of Financial Services
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: CIB Proposal for Charles Avenue Project

To the Capital Improvement Budget Committee:

I'm writing on behalf of St. Paul Smart Trips to express our support for CIB funding to complete the Charles Avenue Project as proposed by Hamline Midway Coalition. St. Paul Smart Trips is a 501c3 non-profit organization that improves access and mobility for those who travel in and around Saint. Paul.

The Charles Avenue Project addresses the central goal of the Bike Walk Central Corridor Action Plan: "to enhance biking and walking to and within the Central Corridor and foster bicycling and walking as a major portion of the transportation solution."

Completing the Charles Avenue Project will continue to meet growing demand for high-quality biking and walking infrastructure in Saint Paul and serve as both a commuter and local bikeway. The project will also calm traffic and enhance the pedestrian experience, making Charles Avenue a more walkable street.

Much of the work on Charles Avenue was completed in 2014, but a substantial amount remains to finish the project as the community envisioned it. The remaining elements include:

- Landscaped traffic circles at: Fry, Asbury, Pascal, Griggs, Chatsworth, Milton, Grotto, Arundel, and Farrington
- A raised intersection at Syndicate
- Mid-block landscaped bump-outs between Elfelt and Galtier
- Eliminating stop signs at the traffic circles, and re-orienting stop signs to favor Charles Avenue at other various intersections

Funding this project through the Capitol Improvement Budget is essential to ensure we do not leave a half-finished street. When this project is completed, Charles Avenue will be a signature east-west roadway that is safer and more attractive for residents and all users, especially pedestrians and cyclists.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Treat". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J' and a decorative flourish at the end.

Jessica Treat
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St. Paul Smart Trips

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March 4, 2015

Capital Improvement Budget Committee
Streets and Utilities Task Force
City of Saint Paul – Office of Financial Services
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: CIB Proposal for Charles Avenue Bicycle-Pedestrian Boulevard

Members of the CIB Streets and Utilities Task Force:

Hamline Midway Coalition STRONGLY SUPPORTS the CIB proposal for completion of the Charles Avenue Bicycle-Pedestrian Boulevard submitted by Frogtown Neighborhood Association. This is District 11's PRIORITY PROJECT in Streets & Utilities for this CIB funding cycle.

This project addresses the central goal of the Bike Walk Central Corridor Action Plan: "to enhance biking and walking to and within the Central Corridor and foster bicycling and walking as a major portion of the transportation solution." When this project is completed, Charles Avenue between Park and Aldine Streets will be a signature east-west roadway that is safer and more attractive for all users, especially pedestrians and cyclists.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Jon Olson".

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