

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 Territorial Road Equitable Use project proposed by St. Anthony Park Community Council (SAPCC) D12.

Territorial Road serves as an important thoroughfare which JOTP participants utilize to access our programs year round, as the road borders the South St Anthony Recreation Center which JOTP leases from the City of St Paul. As an organization that promotes healthy living and lifestyles, we heartily endorse the plan to make Territorial a more bike and pedestrian friendly thoroughfare while also improving the safety of all those traveling on Territorial and through 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 Territorial Road 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Kroeten".

Ted Kroeten
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Joy of the People
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Webb".

cc:
Ken Webb
Experience Director
Joy of the People
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Dear Mr. Stark,

Please take care of the many bikers and support the Territorial Road upgrade in St. Anthony Park as soon as possible. It will make it a safer bikers' roadway for all.

Thank you,
Maryse Fan

Maryse Fan
2112 Hoyt Ave W
St. Paul, MN 55108
651-646-5266

From: Ranae Hanson [mailto:Ranae.Hanson@minneapolis.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 5:18 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4

Subject: I support the Territorial Road upgrade in St. Anthony Park as soon as possible

Thanks, Russ,

Ranae Hanson (ranae.hanson@gmail.com)

Ranae

Ranae Hanson, PhD

Minneapolis Community & Technical College

English, Global Studies, Women's Studies

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From: Mimi Jennings [mailto:lenandmimi@usfamily.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 11:07 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Subject: Supporting Territorial Road upgrade

Dear Russ and staff,

We both happily endorse Brad Engelmann's well-thought-out proposal for a Territorial Road upgrade. It seems to respond to a number of neighborhood and city priorities concerning accessibility, transportation, greening of both air and streetscape, and options for low-income citizens. Please give it your best consideration.

Len and Mimi Jennings

From: naomi cohn [mailto:ncohnster@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 10:24 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Subject: Support Territorial Road improvements

Hi Russ--

Improvements to Territorial Road will help leverage the investment our community has already made in the Green Line...

especially dear to my heart will be improving the intersection of Territorial & Cromwell...right now it's a pedestrian death trap...with even minor improvements it will improve walk-ability and create an important connection for pedestrians

to both Westgate and Raymond ave Green Line stations, as well as University avenue businesses...

Many thanks

Naomi

Naomi Cohn

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From: Pat Thompson [mailto:pat@marksimonson.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 9:32 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Subject: Support for Territorial Road proposal

Hello, Councilmember Stark,

I'm writing to express my support for the Territorial Road plan submitted for the District 12 CIB.

Territorial Road has been too long neglected and its proximity to the Green Line is an eyesore -- even an embarrassment. Minimal things like sidewalks don't seem too much to ask in a city. And the need for bike infrastructure, as you know, is increasingly important.

I hope we can get some of the needed changes going there as soon as possible!

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Pat Thompson

1496 Raymond Avenue

-----Original Message-----

From: jkirsch [mailto:jkirsch@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 8:56 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4

Subject: Territorial road

I support the Territorial Road upgrade in St. Anthony Park as soon as possible. We need a good truck route, a good east-west bike route and good access to South St. Anthony park rec center which has a wonderfully innovative soccer program, Joy of the People.

Jonathan

From: Ken Chin-Purcell [mailto:ken@chin-purcell.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 8:40 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Subject: Territorial Road CIB

I understand that there is a proposal to rework Territorial Rd. in South St. Anthony Park. If this would lead to a better east-west bike route I am all for it. The lack of east-west bikes routes in that area of St. Paul is a major deficiency.

-- Ken Chin-Purcell

2338 Bourne Ave, 55108

District 12, Ward 4

From: Kristen Evenson [mailto:evens024@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 8:24 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4

Subject: Territorial Road upgrade

Mr Stark:

I live in the Saint Anthony Park neighborhood and support the Territorial Road upgrade as soon as possible. The road is widely used, but in a terrible state of disrepair. It's currently not safe for all the different populations that use it which is everyone from bikers, young soccer players and commercial vehicles.

Thank you for interest and support.

Kristen Evenson

From: Jessica Ward [mailto:jlward@umn.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 5:38 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4

Subject: Territorial road upgrade

I support the Territorial Road upgrade in St. Anthony Park as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jessica Ward

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Assistant Research Professor

Department of Biology

St Cloud State University

Adjunct Assistant Professor

Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology

University of Minnesota

From: jack.steinmann@gmail.com [mailto:jack.steinmann@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Jack Steinmann
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:33 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Subject: Russ

I support the Territorial Road upgrade in St. Anthony Park as soon as possible.

Can you help make it so?

Thanks.

Jack Steinmann

St. Anthony Park

From: Mary Mergenthal [mailto:mary.mergenthal@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:24 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4

Subject: Territorial Road upgrade

Dear Russ,

I support the upgrade of Territorial Road as soon as possible to allow safe, clear bike passageways plus better access for business traffic to Hwy. 280.

Your constituent,

Mary Mergenthal

2393 Bourne Ave., St. Paul 55108

From: Christy Myers [mailto:cmyersphoto@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:20 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4

Subject: Territorial Road

I understand there is a proposal to upgrade Territorial road to add sidewalks, bike lanes etc. Sounds like a good idea.

Regards,

Christy Myers

Christy Myers

Christy Myers Photography

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2/19/2015

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John McCarthy
Chief Budget Analyst
Office of Financial Services
City of St. Paul

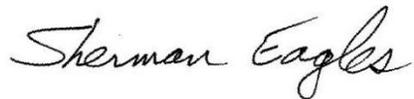
Dear Mr. McCarthy,

During the Northwest Quadrant Transportation Study, we identified improved access from Highway 280 to the West Midway industrial area via Territorial Road as a needed improvement. This improved access would help alleviate traffic on Raymond Avenue north of Territorial Road, which is forecast to increase to near congestion levels by 2030. Territorial Road also increasingly serves as an alternative to University Avenue for those traveling southbound on Highway 280 who wish to reach southbound Cretin Avenue, reducing traffic on University Avenue between Highway 280 and Vandalia.

We also observed that west of Raymond Avenue, Territorial Road was the only option for a highly desirable east-west bike route parallel to University Avenue and recommended on-street bicycle improvements on Territorial Road to connect to Westgate Drive and the U of M Transitway bike path. We recognized that achieving both of these objectives would require changes to the existing Territorial Road.

The requested improvements in this CIB proposal are consistent with the objectives outlined in the St Paul Northwest Quadrant transportation study. These physical improvements to Territorial Road will leverage existing and continuing investments in the Green Line and the transit corridor. These improvements will substantially benefit the social welfare of the neighborhood and St Paul.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherman Eagles".

Sherman Eagles
Chair, Northwest Quadrant Transportation Study Task Force

2294 Commonwealth Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55108
February 25, 2015

Mr. John McCarthy, Chief Budget Analyst
Office of Financial Services
City of Saint Paul
700 City Hall
15 Kellogg Boulevard West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

As co-chairs of the West Midway Industrial Area Task Force, which between 2010 and 2013 developed recommendations adopted to City policy in 2014, we are writing in support of the proposal submitted to the Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) committee for improvements to Territorial Road.

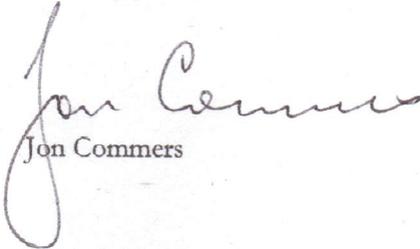
Our city is experiencing population and job growth as a whole. The West Midway represents a unique opportunity zone for our city, given its desirability both for residential uses and for commercial and industrial uses. Much of the work of the task force, reflected by its recommendations incorporated into the City's comprehensive plan in September, 2014, was focused on accommodating the interests of residential and business stakeholders.

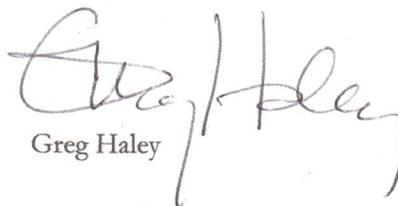
Territorial Road provides an opportunity to support the needs of residents and businesses, by strengthening pedestrian and bike circulation along this key east-west segment. The Northwest Quadrant Transportation Study studied and highlighted needs including on Territorial. The City's engagement in the Prospect North research park demonstrates the importance of fluidity for pedestrians and cyclists between the West Midway, Prospect Park, and both the Saint Paul and Twin Cities campuses of the University. In addition, strengthening these pedestrian and bicycle connections also supports the substantial freight trucking circulation required to serve the West Midway as a center of jobs and manufacturing.

The draft Saint Paul Bike Plan now before the Planning Commission and expected to be considered for adoption by the City Council in March, classifies Territorial Road as a Major Bikeway. Allocating CIB funds to reflect this designation, itself part of a long term public process, is a productive investment of these limited resources.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to reach either of us to discuss further if it's helpful.

Sincerely yours,


Jon Commers


Greg Haley



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www.creativeenterprisezone.org

February 23, 2015

John McCarthy
Chief Budget Analyst
Office of Financial Services
City of St. Paul

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

On behalf of of the Creative Enterprise Zone Action Committee, an organization supporting arts, artisans, creative services and manufacturing in the South St. Anthony industrial area, I would like to convey our support for the CIB request to improve Territorial Road.

For people living and working in the area, Territorial Road serves as an important alternative to University Avenue. Part of the challenge, is that it serves a diverse range of users – from residents on foot and bike to a large number of industrial users in semi-trucks that seem to be facing increasing challenges since the Green Line started running. We recognize that this broad mix of users can be difficult to serve simultaneously. However, it's the mix of residential and industrial that we want to continue to encourage here – a place where people can live in close proximity to good jobs. The proposed improvements to Territorial Road would help to meet that objective.

We strongly encourage you to support this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Sparks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Sparks, Executive Director
Creative Enterprise Zone

2/25/2015

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

Dear Mayor Coleman:

The Residents of Seal Hi-Rise and the Seal Resident Council fully support the District 12 plan for revitalizing and improving Territorial Road and the area around the Raymond Ave. LRT station. The planned improvements would make the area much more accessible to walkers and bikers and to our numerous residents who are mobility challenged and use devices like walkers and wheelchairs.

At the current time many of our residents have to go out into the street when traversing Raymond and Carleton Avenues because of lack of sidewalks or narrow existing sidewalks. This is especially an issue in the winter months. District 12's planned improvements would provide sidewalks on Carleton where there now are none and better walkways on other streets. Wider sidewalks would make it easier for those who use motorized scooters and wheelchairs. This is a great neighborhood and it will be even better when all residents can enjoy it more easily and make use of everything it offers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melissa Pappas, Secretary
Seal Hi-Rise Residents Council

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SEAL HI-RISE RESIDENTS COUNCIL

St. Anthony Park Community Council/District 12,
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651/649-5992, www.sapcc.org

ST. ANTHONY PARK



March 5, 2015

John McCarthy,
Senior Budget Analyst
City of Saint Paul
Office of Financial Services
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Streets and Utilities Task Force Members:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support of the Territorial Road Equitable Use project 2015 CIB proposal on behalf of the St. Anthony Park Community Council (SAPCC).

In January 8th, 2015 SAPCC Board of Directors as passed a unanimous vote resolution in favor of the Territorial Road Equitable Use project which was ranked as top priority by the SAPCC. SAPCC is in full support the vision for this project is particularly for its importance for the following reasons listed below:

+ improve physical and social connections for population clusters living in the neighborhood with added and improved sidewalks, boulevard improvements, safer crossings at intersections, ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps for our mobility-challenged population, and improved walkability in congruence with goals of the Green Line

+ as prescribed by the City, establish an east-west bicycle route running along the Green Line, inclusion of bicycle lanes on Territorial Road for better bike flow through this part of St Paul and the neighborhood on an important connection that intersects with the proposed completion of the Grand Round

+ establish an alternate east-west route for truck and vehicle traffic to University Avenue with emphasis on a connection to TH 280 for our industrial and commercial partners in the area, to relieve congestion on University Avenue at key intersections involving Vandalia Street, Raymond Avenue, and TH 280

Thank you for your support of the Territorial Road Equitable Use project."

On behalf of the SAPCC, I send thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Suyapa Miranda

Suyapa Miranda, Executive Director
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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." –Margaret Mead

From: Becky Monsoor Cassidy <cassidy364@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2015 3:37 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4

Subject:

I support territorial upgrade inst. Anthony park as soon as possible.