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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE  
BETTER BLOCK PROJECT EVENT ON JUNE 8**

*Saint Paul residents invited to participate in this fun, interactive event*

SAINT PAUL – Ever wanted to paint a bike lane, run a coffee shop or build a plaza? Volunteers are needed for The Better Block Project on June 8. All Saint Paul residents are invited to participate in this interactive event that will illustrate the City of Saint Paul’s Street Design Manual. There will be fun for all ages!

The event will take place on East 7<sup>th</sup> Street between Margaret and Arcade Streets. Teams will transform this block into a “Complete Street” with walkable and bikeable amenities and pop-up businesses.

**Better Block Schedule**

April 25 - Community Planning Session from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council office located at 798 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street

June 6 & 7 – Pre-build workshops from 5 – 10 p.m.

June 8 – Better Block Project set-up from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.; event from 3 – 8 p.m.

The Better Block concept builds on the “Make it Happen” initiatives of the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council and feedback from the event will be incorporated into the city’s Street Design Manual. This manual will illustrate best practices, provide context to streamline internal street design processes and develop a toolbox for street design so that the needs of all street users, of all ages and abilities, are considered in the process.

Funding for the Street Design Manual was awarded to the City of Saint Paul from a TIGER II planning grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to develop a Complete Streets Plan.

For more information or to sign up for volunteer opportunities visit [www.teambetterblock.com/saintpaul](http://www.teambetterblock.com/saintpaul) or [www.stpaul.gov/completestreets](http://www.stpaul.gov/completestreets). Questions? Call Anton Jerve at 651-266-6567.

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