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### Dear Saint Paul Neighbor:

In Fall 2021, Saint Paul Public Works is changing parking restrictions and adding bike lanes on Water Street and Fillmore Avenue between Plato Boulevard and Livingston Street. The addition of bike lanes and changes to on-street parking will accomplish two objectives:

- <u>Improve safety and comfort for people using bicycles.</u> To accomplish this, on-street bike lanes will be installed in both directions. The addition of bike lanes will make the street a safer and more comfortable place for people who ride a bike as well as for people who drive. The installation of bike lanes in this location is identified in the Saint Paul Bicycle Plan.
- Ensure on-street parking rules are meeting the needs of the community. Parking restrictions currently vary along Water Street and Fillmore Avenue. In some areas, parking is limited to certain hours of the day or for certain lengths of time. The City has received requests from community members to consider changes to the restrictions given the changing development patterns in the area. This project may result in changes to the various time restrictions in place today along Water Street.

## **Changes to On-Street Parking (see graphic on back)**

To create space for the bike lanes, parking must be removed from one side of Water Street between Plato Boulevard and Wabasha Street, and on both sides of Fillmore Avenue between Harriet Island Boulevard and Livingston Avenue. No changes to parking are proposed on Fillmore Avenue between Wabasha Street and Harriet Island Boulevard. The impacts to parking are as follows:

### Parking will be prohibited:

- south side of Water Street between Plato Boulevard and Wabasha Street
- south side of Fillmore Avenue between Wabasha Street and Livingston Avenue
- north side of Fillmore Avenue between Harriet Island Boulevard and Livingston Avenue

### Parking will be allowed:

- north side of Water Street between Plato Boulevard and Wabasha Street
- north side of Fillmore Avenue between Wabasha Street and Harriet Island Boulevard, except where it is currently prohibited

Where parking will be allowed, the duration and time of day/day of week limitations are still under consideration. Additional parking restrictions may be implemented.

#### **Additional Information**

To view additional information about the project, including data collected regarding parking occupancy, please visit the project website at:

www.stpaul.gov/waterfillmore

#### **How to Provide Feedback**

If you have questions or concerns about the project, or if you would like to provide feedback on what restrictions should apply to on-street parking along the north side of Water Street, you can do one or more of the following:

Join us for an online meeting and presentation to learn more about the project:

Tuesday May 4, 2021 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Online: http://bit.ly/waterfillmore4 By phone: 612-315-7905 Conference ID: 832 803 002#

- Submit questions or comments through the feedback form on the project website. Including your email will be optional, and not required. Questions or comments received through the form will be summarized or aggregated with other similar questions or comments. The City will post a response to these comments on the project website.
- Contact the project community engagement staff. City staff is available to meet one-on-one or in small groups if social distancing rules are followed, or through phone/video to discuss the project. Contact Reuben Collins at reuben.collins@ci.stpaul.mn.us or 651-266-6059.

### **Public Hearing**

The proposed parking restrictions and striping recommendations will be presented to Saint Paul City Council for approval. This will be a public hearing and there will be an opportunity for public comment. Additional notification will be sent to adjacent property owners and residents, and posted on the project webpage when the date of that public hearing is known.

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Map of proposed parking

