



May 21, 2021

Dear Saint Paul Neighbor:

In Fall 2021, Saint Paul Public Works is proposing to change parking restrictions and add bike lanes on Water Street and Fillmore Avenue between Plato Boulevard and Livingston Street. **Saint Paul City Council will be holding a public hearing on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 3:30 p.m., with an opportunity for public comment.** The City Council will vote on a resolution authorizing Public Works to install the proposed changes described in this letter.

Public Hearing

Public attendance at the City Council's regular meeting location is not feasible due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the public may view City Council meetings online at stpaul.legistar.com or on local cable Channel 18.

The public may comment on public hearing items in writing by email at Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us or CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us or via voicemail at 651-266-6805. All comments submitted by 12:00 pm on Tuesday, June 15 will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council.

Project Details

The recommended street changes will accomplish two objectives:

- Improve safety and comfort for people using bicycles. 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.



Changes to On-Street Parking (see graphic below)

To create space for the bike lanes, the following changes will be made to on street parking:

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. Parking will be limited to 4 HRS from 8AM-6PM
- North side of Fillmore Avenue between Wabasha Street and Harriet Island Boulevard, except where it is currently prohibited

Parking on the north side of Water Street between Plato Boulevard and Wabasha Street will be prohibited one night per week, 2AM-7AM to accommodate street cleaning. The day of week is to be determined and will be posted along with the restrictions above.

Additional Information

To view additional information about the project, please visit the project website at:

www.stpaul.gov/waterfillmore

Contact Project Staff

In addition to providing comments for the public hearing, questions or concerns about the project may be directed to Public Works staff.

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