

Water Street Fillmore Avenue Restriping Project

This document summarizes feedback gathered from a Spring 2021 feedback form. The form was publicly available online from early April to May 31, 2021 and asked community members for their thoughts about the planned 2021 Water Street Fillmore Avenue Restriping Project between Plato Boulevard and Livingston Avenue, which includes bike lanes and parking regulation changes.

Response analysis

Two feedback form responses were collected online. One respondent indicated they live in the project area, on Water Street between Plato Boulevard and Wabasha Street. Another respondent indicated they live in Saint Paul, in the North End/Frogstown neighborhood.

Respondents were asked about potential parking regulations on the north side of Water Street. One respondent indicated the proposed south side of Water Street parking removal will inconvenience them when guests come to visit. If parking is to be removed from the south side, this respondent asked that north side of Water Street parking be available exclusively to residents of a single residential development in the area. The second feedback form respondent asked for removal of on street parking on both the north side *and* south side to provide space for buffered bike lanes.

Responses to comments

Two comments were received through the feedback form:

- I am concerned about the supply of on street parking after this project is implemented
- I would prefer a buffer be added to the proposed bike lanes

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Water Street is not wide enough to accommodate parking on both sides, travel lanes, and bike lanes. To install bike lanes, on street parking is required to be removed on one side of the street. Public Works staff observed on street parking demand on 13 days in the spring of 2021 and found there to be ample supply of parking. It is true, however, that new residential development on Water Street will add to the demand for parking in the area. However, Public Works staff met with new residential development staff and learned that the off street parking supply on site, plus the proposed north side allowed parking would help alleviate most of the concerns for residents. Because parking also serves Harriet Regional Park visitors, the proposed parking on the north side of Water Street will be available first come, first served to visitors to the area, as well as residents.

I would prefer a buffer be added to the proposed bike lanes

The Saint Paul Bicycle Plan calls for on street bike lanes on Water Street and Fillmore Avenue. Public Works staff reviewed national best practice for bikeway facility selection and found that given the traffic volumes and posted speed limit in the project area, a standard bike lane is appropriate. Installing a standard bike lane allows on street parking on one side to be maintained. A buffered bike lane would not allow on street parking.