

From: Barbara Butcher
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 11:13 PM
To: Dermody, Bill (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Restoration of University Ave parking

Dear Mr. Dermody,

I am very concerned that restoring University Ave on street parking (thereby reducing traffic to 1 lane in either direction) will be a major impediment to traffic flow and public safety. I count on University Ave as a safe alternative to I-94 when faced with a winter storm, icy road conditions, rush hour gridlock, public protests and/or other unforeseen traffic jams. When faced with inclement weather, traffic on University Ave is much heavier than normal, and when compounded by bad road conditions, the risk for a fender bender or spin out is great, even on a surface road. How will fire and rescue units get to the scene when traffic is reduced to 1 lane in both directions? My understanding is that several blocks of University Avenue to the east of 280 will have on-street parking restored under the new proposal, and, if true, this is the area most essential for commuters needing an escape route. I believe I read that on-street parking will not be available until 6:00 p.m., but, please believe me when I say that rush hour is not over at 6:00 p.m.. I often leave work at 6:45 - 7:00 p.m., and traffic on highway 280 and I-94 is often very heavy, even at this hour. Additionally, even if the time for authorized parking were moved back to 8:00 or 9:00 p.m., the cars would have to be moved by 7:00 a.m. the following morning to ensure a safe morning commute.

I am unable to attend the public hearing on Friday, but wanted to make certain that my concerns for public safety were made known. In addition to the safety of commuters, there are many private dwellings and businesses along University Ave, and it is essential that fire and rescue units have unhindered access to these establishments in the case of an emergency.

I thank you in advance for communicating my concerns to the appropriate parties.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Leslie Everett
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 3:22 PM
To: Dermody, Bill (CI-StPaul)
Subject: University Avenue Parking comment

Here is my comment on reducing University Ave. to one travel lane in each direction. I do not believe that is a good idea at any time of day. That is such a major street that drivers should not be having to decide whether a lane is open for driving or not, especially late at night.

Thanks,
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December 14, 2015

Saint Paul Planning Commission
25 West Fourth Street, Suite 1400
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Dear Commissioners:

On December 14, 2015, the Union Park District Council Land Use Committee reviewed and discussed the Parking Possibilities proposal to add parking along specific stretches of University Avenue. Subsequently, on January 6, 2016, the full Union Park District Council Board reviewed the issue. The Committee and the Board both voted unanimously to pass the following resolution:

The Union Park District Council opposes putting parking in the section of University Avenue between Prior and Aldine Avenues from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. UPDC disputes the conclusions from the Parking Possibilities study that on-street parking is appropriate in this stretch, and agrees with the survey results reflecting that business owners and residents prefer four lanes of traffic. Furthermore, parking conflicts with bicycle usage along University Avenue.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Julie Reiter, Executive Director
Union Park District Council

cc: Nancy Homans, Office of the Mayor