

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: Edina Transportation Commission

Agenda Item #: VII. A.

From: Wayne D. Houle, PE, Director of Engineering

Action
Discussion
Information

Date: October 16, 2012

Subject: Correspondence from City Council Packet Relating To Transportation Issues

Action Requested:

No action requested.

Information / Background:

Attached is correspondence from the latest City Council packets relating to transportation issues.

ATTACHMENTS:

Correspondence

Subject: FW: City Council and Edina Transportation Commission – in support of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Fund

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Dear Edina City Council, and Transportation Commission,

My name is Jessica Schaeppi, and I am a resident of the Country Club neighborhood. My husband and I moved to Edina 2.5 years ago to live in a community that was walkable and bikeable. I am writing to express my support for the numerous bike and pedestrian improvements that Edina has moved forward in the last year. I am particularly excited by the Edina City Council's support of a fund to support bike and pedestrian improvements. The minimal monthly fee are well worth the impact of the fund. These improvements are critical to making our community successful in the future.

I know it is a challenge to allocate valuable resources to bicycle and pedestrian improvements, as they often fall to the bottom of many cities priorities. But Edina's commitment to a walkable and bikeable community is why we believe our family will want to stay in Edina for the majority of our lives. I am excited to teach my son, Asa, to ride his bike, and walk to meet his friends. I lived in NYC for 7 years, and we lived in downtown Minneapolis for a year. In downtown Minneapolis, walking and biking should have seemed easy- but it didn't- groceries and stores were far, bike parking was limited. I missed walking and biking like I did in NYC.

One of the chief reasons we bought a home in Edina, and Country Club was how walkable and bike friendly the community seemed. I am incredibly happy that this has improved in our time in Edina. While our community is walkable- there is maintenance to do on some of our sidewalks. I walk my son to daycare most days, and the sidewalks along 50th and our neighborhood are starting to crumble. A fund like the Council is planning is critical to maintaining and improving the walkability of my community. I also believe the sidewalks in our neighborhood are a key part of maintaining our property values.

I am thankful that Edina has done more in the last year to build a community that is truly walkable and bikeable. I can easily get groceries on foot, or safely teach my son to bike to school one day. I know we will use improved sidewalks, and enjoy the safety afforded by the bike lane on Wooddale. Please continue this important work, as it makes Edina the healthy, pedestrian and bike friendly community I want to raise my kids in.

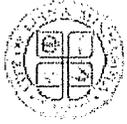
Thank you for your consideration.

Warmly,

Jessica Schaeppi
4600 Bruce

Susan Howl

From: James Hovland
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 4:01 PM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Southwest Transitway Draft Environmental Impact Statement Available for Review & Comment



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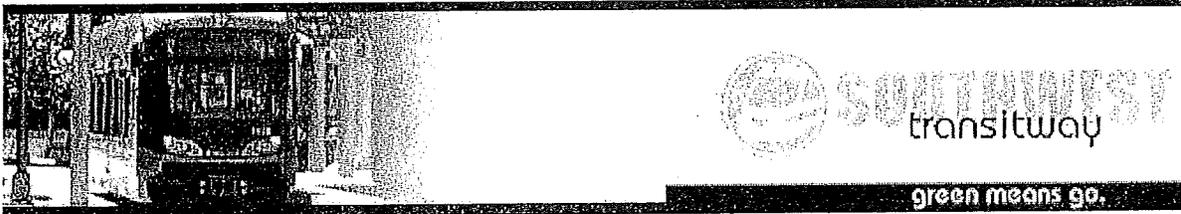
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From: Southwest Transitway [<mailto:swcorridor@co.hennepin.mn.us>]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 3:56 PM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Southwest Transitway Draft Environmental Impact Statement Available for Review & Comment

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Southwest Transitway DEIS Available

The Southwest Transitway Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is now available for your review and comment. The DEIS documents the potential social and environmental impacts of the Southwest Transitway project and discusses the purpose and need for the project, the alternatives considered, the impacts of those alternatives, and the agencies and people consulted.

Where can I read the DEIS?

The DEIS and supporting technical memoranda and appendices are available on southwesttransitway.org. Hard copies have been placed in city halls and libraries along the corridor. [Click here for a list of locations.](#)

How do I comment on the DEIS?

Comments must be submitted by Tuesday, December 11 and may be submitted:

By Email: swcorridor@co.hennepin.mn.us

By Mail:

Hennepin County Housing, Community Works & Transit
Attn: Southwest Transitway
701 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 400
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Or at a Public Hearing:

Tuesday, November 13

4:00 – 5:00 pm Open House; 4:30 pm Public Hearing
Hennepin County Government Center
300 South Sixth Street A-2400
Minneapolis, MN 55487

Wednesday, November 14

5:00 – 6:00 pm Open House; 6:00 pm Public Hearing
St. Louis Park City Hall
5005 Minnetonka Boulevard

St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Thursday, November 29

5:00 – 6:00 pm Open House; 6:00 pm Public Hearing

Eden Prairie City Hall

8080 Mitchell Road

Eden Prairie, MN 55344

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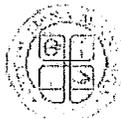
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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 3:23 PM
To: Ann Braden; Courtney Whited; 'Jennifer Janovy'; 'Michael Thompson'; Nathan Franzen; 'Paul Nelson'; Steven Schweiger; Surya Iyer; Tom LaForce
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: City Council and Edina Transportation Commission - in support of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Fund



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From: LaVonne Leih [<mailto:lavonne.leih@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 3:16 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: City Council and Edina Transportation Commission - in support of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Fund

Dear City Council and Edina Transportation Commission,

My name is LaVonne Leih and I live on Lincoln Drive in Edina, MN. My family and I moved to Edina from Hopkins in June 2011, so we have lived there just over a year.

I know that cities are under pressure to provide better living and recreational spaces, but don't always have the funding necessary to meet these needs. I also know that it can be hard to ask residents to help pay for the changes they would like to see within their communities, or to locate other resources that are willing to fund those changes. Having said all this, Edina residents are progressive and the Improvement Fund offers a way for us to pitch in on the cost, while ensuring that it is not a large financial burden on any of our residents. I would like to thank the City of Edina and the Transportation Commission for recognizing and addressing the safety and health concerns of our communities, and creating the Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Funds in response.

In my neighborhood, there are no sidewalks. This means that anyone walking must do so in the street. This creates a safety concern that extends to all types of residents: the elderly, children going to or coming from their bus stops, people out walking with small children or pets, etc. There are also no bicycle lanes, and while I know members of my community that have bikes, I rarely see anyone riding them in the neighborhood.

I would like to see sidewalks and bicycle lanes on both sides of Lincoln Drive and Lincoln Circle, as well as along the frontage road on the east side of Highway 169 and on the streets leading to the parks located in the area. I don't feel that a few dollars a month are too high a price to pay for the safety and health of my family and my neighbors.

Sincerely,

LaVonne Leih
Edina Resident

Dear Commissioner and Council

My name is Doug Grennan. Our Family consists of 6 members. Kids ages: Twins at 6 yrs , daughter 4 and infant 6 months old. We live at 6101 Halifax ave. We moved here 2 years ago because my wife and I wanted our children to be raised in the best community and education system in the Twin Cities.

After moving here we were thrilled to learn of the quality of people and age of families that live in our neighborhood. However we were surprised to find throughout the city the sheer lack of pedestrian/bike friendly route access offered here. Its counter intuitive to us that such a family friendly and generally healthy/safety conscience community would lack such access infrastructure to support such quality of life priorities.

Of course, we recognize that pedestrian/ bike infrastructure is not free. We also recognize that successful implementation of these routes would require many individual concessions by homeowners around the community for the greater good of the community. My wife and I are here to do our part in both financial support and access support. We do not have a sidewalk on our street. We would welcome one. As a family, we often ride bikes in our neighborhood and walk to our local Pamela Park. It would be our hope our children could one day walk safely to their school at Normandale. It would also be our hope that we could ride our bikes on safe trails/routes in Edina that connect directly to the CLR/other systems to be able to ride recreationally on the multitude of bike routes the Twin Cities has to offer or, for myself, ride to work Downtown.

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Fund is a fantastic start to spur on the improvements needed in our community. The amount asked for on a monthly basis is very minimal even in these economic challenging times by virtually everyone in the community. The idea of spreading out the collections to the whole community as well as spreading the cost overtime makes the fund that much more embraceable. The risk of course is the creation of a fund that could get dumped into general expenditure needs for the city at a later time. Hopefully there is a substantial lock box around the purpose of these funds.

My Family and I support strongly the creation of this fund and thank the Commission and the Council for their commitment to create a more pedestrian/bike friendly community making it safer, healthier, enjoyable and accessible to all in our family friendly community of Edina.

Sincerely,

The Grennan's : Doug, Karel, Stella, Everett, Lucy, Elise

Edina City Council
October 15, 2012

Greetings good people of the Edina City Council and Transportation Commission,

I am a long-time Edina resident. I grew up in Edina, graduated from Edina High School in 1974, and moved back to Edina 20 years ago. I live in the 58th and France neighborhood.

I am writing to commend you on your forward-thinking, progressive support of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Fund. This is exactly the kind of program that makes a substantial difference in my life and the life of my family. By creating this fund, you put in place improvements that will help make the streets safer for all of us.

Why is this so-important to me? Both my son and I are regular bicycle commuters. He is a sophomore at Edina High School and commutes by bicycle to school, as do several of his friends. Safe routes to school could not be more important in helping us create the next generation of active, fit adults! By creating this fund, you are creating a mechanism to enable continued development of safe bicycling infrastructure for our younger riders and commuters.

As for me, I commute an average of three times each week, year-round. For a woman in her "late 50's," the health effects of regular riding are dramatic: Lower cholesterol and healthy weight management resulting in less use of our medical resources. Quality of life is enhanced dramatically as well. Not only is riding a bicycle is just plain FUN, but our collective ability to walk and bike helps to create a sense of community. Notice neighbors talking with each other on the street, rather than offering a wave while driving by! Safe riding routes in and through Edina and neighboring communities (I ride to south Bloomington) are critical to Edina's success as an attractive and livable community!

Again, thank you so much for your commitment to the community of Edina. By creating the Edina Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Fund to support Edina as a walkable and bikeable community, you create a future where residents can connect with one another, be fit and healthy, and enjoy cleaner air and friendlier streets!

With deep appreciation,

Lori Richman
5828 Ewing Avenue South
(952) 920-7838

Subject: Advisory Bike Lanes on Wooddale Ave

Dear Mayor Hovland, City Council Members and others it may concern,

I'm writing to express my concern about the recent addition of the advisory bike lanes on Wooddale Avenue. I can understand how a city-approved construction funded by Bike Walk Twin Cities is an enticing idea to bike enthusiasts, but to local residents such as myself, the new bike lanes pose a threat to the safety and to the peace-of-mind of drivers and bikers alike.

I was extremely nervous the first time I drove on the newly painted pavement, and was convinced there would be further construction, or at the very least there would be an addition of the standard yellow dashed markings down the middle of the road. After driving Wooddale Ave with two other people (both just as confused and nervous as I was- one almost ran a stop sign while trying to figure out what was going on), and after reading the "Bike Lanes" article in the Edina Sun Current, I began to understand how to maneuver down Wooddale. However, I am no more comforted by this realization than when I thought I was driving in a construction zone.

My attitude toward the recent addition of bike lanes is partly due to the fact that I don't think there was adequate communication and education regarding this unexpected change, and partly due to my belief that it is not safe nor sensible to cram two bike lanes, two car lanes, and a parking lane on a street that doesn't seem to have reasonable space for all of them. I don't think swerving over imaginary yellow double lines to accommodate bikers is a sound approach to including them in the next generation of transit goers.

After speaking with friends and family, we agree that we do not feel comfortable driving on Wooddale Ave. I am personally worried that I may get in an accident with a bike or other vehicle while trying to drive along this road. The no fault law doesn't placate my worry, since serious injury to myself or others is a realistic concern. I fear how others, who are unfamiliar with the area, will react in a dangerous, spontaneous situation. My resolution is to return the street to motor vehicles, and to expand sidewalks to accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists. Or at the very least, to ensure separate spaces for motor vehicles and bicyclists.

I sincerely appreciate any advice or other response you may have to my grievance.

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SARA BUCHANAN

4616 Casco Ave.

Edina, MN 55424

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 9:08 AM
To: Wayne Houle; Scott Neal; Jeff Long
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: roads and bike lanes

Good morning,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members, Scott Neal, Jeff Long and Wayne Houle.



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From: RICHARD YOUNG [<mailto:richardyoung1145@msn.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 7:43 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: roads and bike lanes

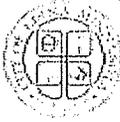
Please route to the mayor and city council.

Besides not liking the idea, I have a few things to discuss. First: I would like to know what the intersection of 70th St and HW100 is going to look like. Approaching from west on 70th at the first stop light it is already a difficult turn and playing around with an addition lane is going to be a nightmare. Second, in reading the article in the Sun the police mentioned about starting to enforce the new lane structure. As these lanes are a two year experiment perhaps the police could just give out non-fee citations and track the occurrences. If you think people are upset now, wait until you start handing out tickets for lane infractions on roads where there is miniscule bike traffic. If an accident is involved then proceed as usual. Third: what criteria / data will be collected to determine if the lanes stay or not? For that matter what is the base line for comparison? Fourth: putting paint on a road does not make it change peoples driving habits. People know how to drive on roads ; roads that are supposed to be straight and in some instances MIDDLE lines are required. These lines are to assist drivers in high traffic roads (the side roads in Edina are driven daily with minimum issue). By now having roads with painted lines which no longer show the middle one must ask are we really helping our driveres or just making life (driving) more difficult. Another point: these roads are used by non-residents. How are we going to TRAIN them.

Richard Young
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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 9:25 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: New bike lanes



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From: Marcia/John Jones [mailto:M_jones3@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 4:36 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: New bike lanes

Dear Mayor Hovland,

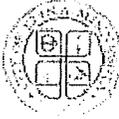
Having just returned from a bike and barge tour in southern France, I read with interest the controversy that has arisen over the new bike lanes on Wooddale Avenue. Having ridden for one week along the margins of busy roads in a foreign country and through the heart of traffic clogged French towns and cities, I decided today to do a couple errands on my bike. I biked to the post office and then to the library. Knowing that drivers might be looking for bikers, Wooddale Avenue was the easiest part. I only wish that 50th Street offered the same...it's quite a puzzle to decide how to bike safely to the heart of our town.

I encourage you not to despair so quickly. I think drivers will soon become accustomed to the bike lanes and how to drive the street. They will soon be happy to have one less car in their way.

Sincerely,
Marcia Jones
4709 W. 44th Street
Edina 55424
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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 11:13 AM
To: Ann Braden; Courtney Whited; 'Jennifer Janovy'; 'Michael Thompson'; Nathan Franzen; 'Paul Nelson'; Steven Schweiger; Surya Iyer; Tom LaForce
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: City Council and Edina Transportation Commission - in support of Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Fund



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From: Kate Khaled [<mailto:kate.downing@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 11:06 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: City Council and Edina Transportation Commission - in support of Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Fund

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Kate Downing Khaled and I live at 6713 Southdale Road. I, along with my husband and our two young sons, recently moved back to Edina in August 2012 (my husband grew up in Edina, and we are very glad to have come back 'home'). Our neighborhood is ideal: we are close to shopping, groceries, parks, highways and one of the best school systems in the state. For all these reasons, we couldn't be happier. But one part of Edina life concerns me: this is not a walkable or bikeable city. Each day, I see our very elderly neighbor head out for his walk. Each time I see him walking in the middle of the street (there are no sidewalks here) I cringe. I worry about the numerous young families who live in our neighborhood who have no dedicated space to walk their dogs or push their strollers. I wish I could feel confident allowing my children to bike to the park or to Cornelia elementary.

Our streets need to be safer and healthier. As they stand now, they are one of the only major hindrances to Edina community life. Luckily you have an innovative and easy choice in front of you. **Please support the pedestrian and bicycle improvement fund. It's a low-impact and forward thinking solution to what our community desperately needs for it's future health and vitality.**

I am grateful to the Commission and the Council for considering this letter, and I thank you for your continued commitment to creating a healthier community by making neighborhoods more walkable and bikeable.

Sincerely,

Katherine Downing Khaled, MPH
612.607.4743

Susan Howl

From: info@minnesotagoplan.org
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 9:09 AM
To: info@minnesotagoplan.org
Subject: Adopted: Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan

Transportation Stakeholders,

MnDOT is pleased to announce the adoption of the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan 2012-2031.

The updated plan is the result of extensive collaboration between MnDOT, partners, citizens, and stakeholders like you. Thank you for engaging in the process to craft a plan reflective of statewide interests. The adopted Plan can be found on the project website at: <http://www.minnesotagoplan.org/docs.html>.

The Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan will be used to shape subsequent MnDOT plans and investment decisions while serving as a framework moving forward. It will serve as the foundation for MnDOT modal investment plans. MnDOT is currently in the process of updating the 20-year State Highway Investment Plan. To become involved in this process, please visit the project website at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/statehighwayinvestmentplan/index.html> or sign-up to receive periodic project updates by clicking [here](#).

We look forward to future partnering opportunities to advance Minnesota's multimodal transportation system.

Thank you,

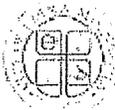
Kirby Becker

MnDOT Office of Statewide Multimodal Planning

Susan Howl

From: Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2012 9:05 AM
Subject: FW: Bicycle Lanes

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and City Council.



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From: r_sheridan@comcast.net [mailto:r_sheridan@comcast.net]

Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 6:31 PM

To: Edina Mail

Subject: Bicycle Lanes

Mayor Hovland,

I write tonight to strongly object to the new bike lanes on Wooddale and Valley View Road. I live at 6332 Millers Lane, just south of the Valley View and Wooddale intersection. When will the City of Edina stand up to the bicycle community? I am an Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, and part of my job is representation of the County Public Works Department in the acquisition of property for road projects, so I have some understanding of road design and function. These roads, in their current width, were not designed for bike lanes and cars, they were designed for cars, period. Trying to wedge these bike lanes onto this right of way is dangerous to both the bicycles and motor vehicles. I grew up in the house I am living in. When we were kids, we biked all over Edina and beyond. We would routinely bike to Braemar and to the City lakes. We did not need any bike lanes. We avoided Wooddale like the plague, we took side streets!! What a concept. Simply put, these bike lanes represent the catering to a small group and are only useable part of the year. Finally, let me share a story of bike community influence. The new Lowry Avenue bridge was designed with a separate bike and pedestrian lane on each side of the bridge, separated from the vehicle lanes by physical barriers. This was not enough for the bikers. After the design had been approved and was too far along to change, they insisted on, and got, bike lanes added to the main vehicle traffic lanes on the bridge which required modifications to how the bridge was constructed. This is absurd! The bike lanes on Wooddale and Valley View are equally absurd. I urge you and the council to reverse this horrible decision.

Respectfully,

Rick Sheridan

P.S. I am supporting you for Mayor. Good luck!!

Susan Howl

From: Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 9:07 AM
Subject: FW: Bike Lanes on Woodale and 54th

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and City Council.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bob Aderhold [<mailto:bobader@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 11:11 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swnsonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Bike Lanes on Woodale and 54th

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I want to let you know that I appreciate the work that the City has done on this project and your willingness to be a little out there on the cutting edge. I live at 3529 West 54th Street and drive and bike on the roadways affected. I must say that, as a driver, it took me a little while to understand how the advisory lanes work. However, now that I've gotten to know them, I'm starting to understand and appreciate them.

As you know, the lanes let drivers know that cyclists also are users of the road and may be present and, therefore, that they should proceed cautiously. The solid lines make clear that certain portions of the road are intended for parking - this is a good thing too. I also think that the striping makes the road feel narrower and, therefore, less like the freeway feel that one gets on relatively wide roads. My hope is that it changes actual behavior. The new roundabouts in the blocks adjacent to my house have the same effect.

I'm all in favor of street treatments that slow down traffic on residential streets - especially the one my family lives on where the street is fairly wide.

One concern I have is that, when cars are parked close to the roundabouts, it can be challenging for cars passing through. I'm not sure if anything can be done about that. But I think it would be something for the engineers to give some thought.

Thank you for everything you do on our behalf!

Regards,

Robert Aderhold
3529 West 54th Street
Edina, 55410

Susan Howl

From: Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 9:51 AM
Subject: FW: TLC bike lanes on Wooddale Ave.

This message has also been forwarded to the Mayor.

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From: tpaulson@1992ventures.com [<mailto:tpaulson@1992ventures.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 9:48 AM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: TLC bike lanes on Wooddale Ave.

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing today with regard to the recently painted bike lanes on Wooddale Ave.

As I recall from the discussion leading to the vote to approve the bike lanes, both the City Council and the Transportation Commission said it was incumbent upon those two groups to educate the public on how to use the new roadways. And yet, at the October 2nd City Council meeting you were still discussing how to educate the public - after the lanes were painted! In my opinion, this "education" should have come before, or simultaneous to, the road being painted - not after.

Which group has failed it's residents here: City Council or the Transportation Commission?

Also, today is walk/ride to school day for Concord Elementary School and a popular route to school is Wooddale Ave. I have children at Concord so I was on Wooddale Ave. six different times between 54th Street and 59th Street from 7:30am to 9:30am today. Along that route I did not see a single sign directing traffic patterns nor did I see a single Council member or a single Transportation Commission member educating the public. However, the street sweeper was sweeping up and down Wooddale which added to the danger and confusion of the roadway. Could the City have coordinated with Concord to avoid sweeping Wooddale during school commuting hours on walk/ride to school day?

I was dissappointed when the bike lanes were approved, but even more dissappointed at how they have been rolled-out.

Respectfully,
Troy Paulson
5116 Juanita Avenue

Susan Howl

From: Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 11:05 AM
Subject: FW: Biking on sidewalks in Edina

This message has also been forwarded to the Mayor.

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From: tpaulson@1992ventures.com [<mailto:tpaulson@1992ventures.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 10:08 AM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Cc: Jeff Long
Subject: Biking on sidewalks in Edina

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing today with regard to the City ordinance that prohibits riding a bicycle on the sidewalk. It is my understanding that City Council is considering an amendment to the City Code that would allow biking on sidewalks and I support such an amendment.

I encourage any Council member who would oppose such an amendment to go to Concord Elementary School at 3:05pm today as it is walk/ride to school day and hundreds of kids have ridden their bikes to school. If you oppose such an amendment, please tell the kids (and adults) riding on the sidewalks that they are in violation of City Code and that they need to be riding on the streets. Please also tell them why you are opposed to them riding their bicycles on the sidewalks.

Respectfully,
Troy Paulson
5116 Juanita Avenue

Susan Howl

From: Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 12:16 PM
Subject: FW: Stop sign at 61st & Kellogg

This message has also been forwarded to the Mayor and the Traffic Safety Coordinator.

Emilie Kastner, Communications Assistant
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-----Original Message-----

From: Angie Porter [<mailto:crowleyporter@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 11:18 AM
To: btheis@edina.gov; Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Stop sign at 61st & Kellogg

I am emailing to express my support for stop signs at the intersection of 61st & Kellogg in Edina. Currently, there are yield signs, and I believe they are actually dangerous. In conversations with neighbors, I have heard of issues and accidents, and it seems that stop signs would be an effective and appropriate solution.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my email.

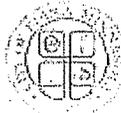
Angie Porter
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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 9:56 AM
To: Wayne Houle; Scott Neal
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: City Street Striping

Good morning,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members, Scott Neal and Wayne Houle.



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From: Mary Ratelle [<mailto:mary.ratelle@hriskstrategies.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 8:30 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: City Street Striping

I am very concerned about the poor planning and waste of taxpayer money used to stripe the streets of Edina for bike lanes. Valley view road north of Crosstown highway has car lanes that are not wide enough for the cars, so cars are either required to cross the double yellow lines into incoming traffic or the turn lanes or the cars are required to drive in the biking lanes. This is even more true on Wooddale road between Valley View and 50th, where you left off the yellow stripe in the middle, but the driving lane for two-way traffic is slightly wider than needed for 1 way traffic. I was driving on Wooddale this weekend and there were bikers and runners using the bike lane on the west side and two-way traffic trying to manage the driving lanes. I believe that the city has created more confusion for drivers and additional hazard for all citizens (drivers, pedestrians, and bikers) with the poorly planned street markings.

How much wasted money has been spent on poor planning and striping of our streets?

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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 9:45 AM
To: Wayne Houle
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Is Woodale a one way now?

Good morning,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Robb [<mailto:tgrobb@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 10:08 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Is Woodale a one way now?

I recently drove Down Woodale ave between 50th and valley view and it looked like there are only two bike lanes and one car lane? Is this right? Are there really more bikes than cars in Edina?

Sent from my iPhone F105 Thunderchief

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Message: I would like to go on record to state how ridiculous the new bike lanes are. I drive on 70th multiple times each day - I will never bike this. I usually have 2 - 3 hockey bags in my hatch. The lanes are now very narrow and the paint is not as distinct as the textured pavement. Why must you do this? I have been driving this route for many years and there have not been bikers on this road. If bikers were present - there was ample room. Edina has a spending problem and this is just the latest incident. Please reconsider these - especially the Wooddale area. I worry for my kids on bikes and the false security they may have if biking. I also worry about my soon to be 16 year old driving on these streets. Please reconsider this idea. Thank you- Carla Deinema

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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 11:29 AM
To: Wayne Houle; Scott Neal
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Advisory Lanes

Good morning,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members, Scott Neal and Wayne Houle.



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From: Michael Truman [<mailto:mike@MNTRUMAN.COM>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 11:13 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Advisory Lanes

I am writing to inform Edina of my displeasure with the "advisory lanes". With all the social and economic problems in our society today you vote on this? Waste of money. I will be voting all city council and the mayor out of office.

Regards,

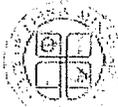
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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 8:59 AM
To: Scott Neal; Wayne Houle
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Bike Lanes on Wooddale

Good morning,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members, Scott Neal and Wayne Houle.



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From: Peter Foley II [<mailto:pfoleyii@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 8:49 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Bike Lanes on Wooddale

Mayor Hovland,

As a lifelong Edina resident I have been extremely disappointed with the City Council's desire turn our streets into bike paths. I appreciate your comments in the Sun Current when you stated, vehicle's are now in a secondary position. Vehicles are now totally in a secondary position and why? To appease a Group with Federal dollars? The residents of Wooddale Ave did not want this and now it is total disaster. I commend you for recognizing that this is not working and implore you to make our road safe again. I don't think the City wants to open it self up to liability issues if god forbid some real serious accidents occur.

I would be interested to know what the Vote was on this very serious issue. Who voted for it and who voted against it.

I believe it was 3-2 in favor of creating bike lanes on Wooddale Ave.

Thank you and I appreciate your time on this very serious issue.

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Referrer:

Message: Mr. Mayor and City Council: I am writing because I feel that the Wooddale Avenue bike lanes are confusing and dangerous. There barely appears to be enough width for cars if the bike lanes are used. While the signs are helpful, the natural instinct of drivers is not to drive over the lines and not to drive in bike lanes. Just a few feet away on Valley View are bike lanes you cannot drive in. I think the biggest issue is that there is no center line and it is unclear where you are supposed to be. It is not intuitive at all. There will always be new, confused drivers on Wooddale. Today on Wooddale I observed 2 people and a dog jogging in the east bike lane. Cars were swerving to avoid the people and it was not clear who belonged where. I sincerely hope you consider removing these lanes before accidents ensue. Thanks, Kathryn Peterson

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Wayne Houle

From: Jennifer <rjmeyovy@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 13, 2012 5:02 PM
To: Wayne Houle
Subject: Fwd: Advisory Bike Lanes on Wooddale Ave

Josh forwarded to the following email to me to be distributed to ETC. Thanks.
Jennifer

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Sprague, Josh" <joshsprague@edinarealty.com>
Date: October 13, 2012 2:31:12 PM CDT
To: "rjmeyovy@comcast.net" <rjmeyovy@comcast.net>
Subject: FW: Advisory Bike Lanes on Wooddale Ave

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sara Buchanan [sarabuchanan66@gmail.com]
Received: Saturday, 13 Oct 2012, 2:22pm
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Subject: Advisory Bike Lanes on Wooddale Ave

Dear Mayor Hovland, City Council Members and others it may concern,

I'm writing to express my concern about the recent addition of the advisory bike lanes on Wooddale Avenue. I can understand how a city-approved construction funded by Bike Walk Twin Cities is an enticing idea to bike enthusiasts, but to local residents such as myself, the new bike lanes pose a threat to the safety and to the peace-of-mind of drivers and bikers alike.

I was extremely nervous the first time I drove on the newly painted pavement, and was convinced there would be further construction, or at the very least there would be an addition of the standard yellow dashed markings down the middle of the road. After driving Wooddale Ave with two other people (both just as confused and nervous as I was- one almost ran a stop sign while trying to figure out what was going on), and after reading the "Bike Lanes" article in the Edina Sun Current, I began to understand how to maneuver down Wooddale. However, I am no

more comforted by this realization than when I thought I was driving in a construction zone.

My attitude toward the recent addition of bike lanes is partly due to the fact that I don't think there was adequate communication and education regarding this unexpected change, and partly due to my belief that it is not safe nor sensible to cram two bike lanes, two car lanes, and a parking lane on a street that doesn't seem to have reasonable space for all of them. I don't think swerving over imaginary yellow double lines to accommodate bikers is a sound approach to including them in the next generation of transit goers.

After speaking with friends and family, we agree that we do not feel comfortable driving on Wooddale Ave. I am personally worried that I may get in an accident with a bike or other vehicle while trying to drive along this road. The no fault law doesn't placate my worry, since serious injury to myself or others is a realistic concern. I fear how others, who are unfamiliar with the area, will react in a dangerous, spontaneous situation. My resolution is to return the street to motor vehicles, and to expand sidewalks to accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists. Or at the very least, to ensure separate spaces for motor vehicles and bicyclists.

I sincerely appreciate any advice or other response you may have to my grievance.

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Wayne Houle

From: Jennifer <rjmeyovy@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 9:48 AM
To: Wayne Houle
Subject: Fwd: roads and bike lanes

Please forward to ETC.

Thanks.

Jennifer

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Sprague, Josh" <joshsprague@edinarealty.com>
Date: October 15, 2012 9:43:22 AM CDT
To: "rjmeyovy@comcast.net" <rjmeyovy@comcast.net>
Subject: FW: roads and bike lanes

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From: Lynette Biunno [<mailto:lbiunno@EdinaMN.gov>] **On Behalf Of** Edina Mail
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 9:08 AM
To: Wayne Houle; Scott Neal; Jeff Long
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: roads and bike lanes

Good morning,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members, Scott Neal, Jeff Long and Wayne Houle.



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From: RICHARD YOUNG [<mailto:richardyoung1145@msn.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 7:43 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: roads and bike lanes

Please route to the mayor and city council.

Besides not liking the idea, I have a few things to discuss. First: I would like to know what the intersection of 70th St and HW100 is going to look like. Approaching from west on 70th at the first stop light it is already a difficult turn and playing around with an addition lane is going to be a nightmare. Second, in reading the article in the Sun the police mentioned about starting to enforce the new lane structure. As these lanes are a two year experiment perhaps the police could just give out non-fee citations and track the occurrences. If you think people are upset now, wait until you start handing out tickets for lane infractions on roads where there is miniscule bike traffic. If an accident is involved then proceed as usual. Third: what criteria / data will be collected to determine if the lanes stay or not? For that matter what is the base line for comparison? Fourth: putting paint on a road does not make it change peoples driving habits. People know how to drive on roads ; roads that are supposed to be straight and in some instances MIDDLE lines are required. These lines are to assist drivers in high traffic roads (the side roads in Edina are driven daily with minimum issue). By now having roads with painted lines which no longer show the middle one must ask are we really helping our driveres or just making life (driving) more difficult. Another point: these roads are used by non-residents. How are we going to TRAIN them.

Richard Young
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From: Susan Niefeld [<mailto:merriman15@comcast.net>]

Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2012 3:30 PM

To: Edina Mail

Subject: New Fees for Sidewalks

I have lived on Halifax Avenue for 17 years and I love my neighborhood. It's true that walking along 58th Street can be very dangerous, but I don't like the idea of paying an extra \$3 a month for sidewalks. I am retired, 77 years old, and barely making ends meet. Plus, I am still paying off a huge assessment, plus interest, for improvements to Halifax Avenue several years ago. I am a residential customer of both Centerpoint and XCel so I assume the fees will be tacked on to both utility bills for a total of \$3 per month. Isn't there a way to accomplish your goals without making my utility bills increase?