

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: Edina Transportation Commission

Agenda Item #: VII. A.

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

Action

Date: February 21, 2013

Discussion

Subject: Correspondence Relating to Transportation Issues

Information

Action Requested:

No action requested.

Information / Background:

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

Attachments:

Correspondence

MAURICE W. DIXON

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Edina, Minnesota 55436
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January 23, 2013

To: Mayor James Hovland
From: Maurice Dixon

This is a follow up letter to our phone conversation on Mon. Jan.20,2013, regarding you wanting to tax us over **one Million dollars a year** to make Edina the “ Most Walkable City in Minnesota”.

You want to disguise this tax as a service fee collected buy our energy suppliers and have them take their time and money to pass it along.—Please be honest with your citizens of your city.

We pay plenty of taxes and other fees to the city of Edina and for you, to play this game is way out of line. You should be trying to find ways to save a million or lots more dollars a year, for your tax payers.

I walk in Bredesen Park and I can assure you there is plenty of room for more people to walk and bike in this park and I am sure that is true for all of our walking areas.

I could also go on about your biking plans on Wooddale and other places that have cost lots of money and service only a very small percent of the people but I will leave that for another time.

Please put a stop to this nonsense and please share these thoughts with our council members.

I would be happy to discuss this subject with you or any of our council members in more depth at any time.

Maurice Dixon

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2013 1:25 PM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Utility Franchise Fees

Good afternoon,

This message has been forwarded to Mayor Hovland.



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From: Bert Ledder [<mailto:lsledder@aol.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 25, 2013 12:33 PM

To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com

Subject: Utility Franchise Fees

Council,

I am writing to express my dismay at the recent enactment of the TAX, euphemistically called a "franchise fee" applied to our utility bills that would return to the City of Edina for "the development, construction and maintenance of new infrastructure and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists". As a citizen of Edina for almost 30 years I find this to be a gross over extension of the government and your positions on the council. It is not right to arbitrarily confiscate money from the tax payers of Edina for your "pet projects". We have far too many bike lanes in Edina that have created more of a hazard than an added value. We do NOT want to drive with bikers. It is dangerous for both.

Bert Ledder
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Jan 27, 2013
4606 Prexel Ave

Jim Howland, Mayor
Scott Neal City Manager

Progress Report - Wood Dale Traffic Plan

Sighting 1 - I finally saw a bicyclist (tourist) riding in a bike lane, but there is still guidance needed as he was riding south in the north bound lane.

Sighting 2 - A bicyclist and a skateboarder (both tourists). Bicyclist was on the sidewalk; skateboarder was in the car park lane.

On a positive note, the lane changes in recent times on 50th Street and France Avenues were a major improvement, and much appreciated.

Ronald Besseman