

***Summit Avenue Regional Trail
Supporting Data for Engage Saint Paul “Community Ideas” Assessment***

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32	AliceGebura*	Residents along Cleveland Ave are getting a bad surprise. They were told the rebuild would remove 50-60 trees, now the # is 160.	5
33	AliceGebura*	Met Council aims for 45 % tree cover across the Metro. Bike trail will DERAIl this goal.	5

34	Red*	Don't mess with trees on Summit	5
35	J	I am a life long St. Paul resident. I love Summit Avenue just the way it is. The only thing it really needs is a new surface ASAP.	5
36	Summit Ave Resident*	Do NOT remove trees from boulevards! City should fix the road and focus on calming traffic - slower speed limits, more stop signs, x-walks.	4
37	Judy	Terrible ideas. Summit is a residential street, not a park. Don't cut trees or limit parking. Just re-pave and leave it alone.	4
38	AliceGebura*	Children are our future. MN under funds its schools in spite of billions surplus	4
39	AliceGebura*	According to the "consultants" at the last meeting "We will keep tree loss to a minimum." Don't believe it!	4
40	Red*	Inventory, please	4
41	JoAnn	NO tree removal! Additional tree removal would be bad for aesthetics, the environment and personal well-being	4
42	bikelanesforwhiteguys*	Stop pretending there is an actual demand for these bikes lanes, let alone a project that ruins Summitt Ave.	4
43	Renter on Summit	Keep trees & parking	3
44	Red*	Cutting healthy trees is disastrous	3
45	Trees first*	SAVE THE TREES. Focus on repairing and maintaining existing infrastructure by properly resurfacing all city streets first and foremost.	3
46	akhan	Repave the street, replace trees that were removed	2
47	AliceGebura*	Ageism: "Senior citizens who can't walk find that they can ride a bike because it puts less stress on their joints."	2
48	ok	As a frequent cyclist, the problem with Summit Avenue is poor road surface on many segments. DO NOT need removal of trees and green space!	2
49	Paul B	There is nothing wrong with the current design. Let's not make the same mistakes of Cleveland Ave in SAP. Don't fix what isn't broken.	2
50	Summit Ave Resident*	Painted crosswalks at every intersection. Add periodic stop signs east of Lexington to change Summit from a dangerous speedway.	1
51	STPDale	This is not community input.	1
52	Dom*	What are the statistics on safety? How will residents who live on the 100' foot section move in and out of their homes if there is no alley.	1
53	Dom*	Driveways will be blocked? How will it be handled for those with no alley access? There seem to be no practical solutions 4 the 100' section	1
54	EllenTB	Bike lane between curb and parked cars	1
55	cmsgt	Focus on using the new Ayd Mill trail to be the "regional trail" from Mississippi to downtown.	1
56	52L	Summit Avenue is an attractive street in St. Paul. It should remain so with resurfacing.	1
57	Trees first*	Trees are part of the beauty and history (some dating 100 yrs+). These should remain intact as part of the historical aspects of the area.	1
58	MC	Completely unnecessary. Period. Repave the street and maintain it. Simple. Beautiful. Not expensive.	1
59	Terry	A Simple Bicycle Path Option	1
60	marilyn bach	Trees will be harmed during the construction of the trail . St. Paul has no comprehensive tree preservation ordinance .	1
61	S Mason*	Master Plan for Snelling Intersection to improve safety	0
62	S Mason*	Better design for Wheeler Transition	0
63	S Mason*	Redesign Transitions for Safety: East of Snelling	0
64	Kim	Please don't remove any more trees. We need them to breath. I love summit Avenue. Just fix the darn streets!	0
65	mlruth	Preserve & enhance the historic beauty of the Summit Ave corridor. Don't "fix" a problem that doesn't exist.	0
66	Lorax on Wheels	Keep the Trees; Cycling with Less Shade Isn't an Improvement	0
67	Keeptrees	Fix the potholes, read description below	0
68	bikelanesforwhiteguys*	THERE IS NO DEMAND TO USE THE CURRENT BIKES LANES!! WHY WOULD WE DESTROY SUMMIT AVENUE AND KILL MORE TREES?!?!?! WHAT A JOKE!	0
69	Walks Summit Every Day Year Round*	Don't remove the history	0

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2	drs	One central island from river to Capital.	4
3	Faith Krogstad	Let's make biking along Summit possible for all ages and abilities.	3
4	Summit Neighbor*	Separated and maintained walkable/bikeable Summit	3
5	Summit Neighbor*	Safe separated infrastructure	2
6	Take in the views*	Is it about the trees	2
7	terry.brueck	One-way, off-street bike paths are safest and best option	1
8	Bryan Lair*	Keep the separate bike paths clear in winter	1
9	Saint Paul Papa	Plant two or three trees for every tree lost	0

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2	Dale B. Davies	Improve bicycle paths and reduce car useage	8
3	Nick	Eliminate turn on red	8
4	Amy Jane	A beautiful Italianate fountain at Summit and Lexington. And street repaving and maintenance. That's all.	7
5	Nate A	Fruiting Shrub Layer	6
6	Nicole	Keep the residential zoning as-is	6
7	cdskone	Decrease lawn areas	6
8	mrm94	Proper bike facilities & all-modes intersections make the corridor safer and more enjoyable for everyone	5
9	I want nice neighborhoods	This is my laundry list of ideas. Will add clarification if asked	5
10	MR, StP since 2008*	Add bike fix-it stations every 1-2 miles	4
11	Matyas	Lay a crushed limestone/aggregate path down the boulevard.	3
12	TPY	Gathering spaces	3
13	Pete	GET ON THE BIKE PATH!!!!!!!!!!!!	3
14	Meridith*	Snow clearing - make sure its easy to remove snow from the bike lanes and that the dept has enough of the proper equipment	3
15	Sensitive Summit for All	Lex to Victoria preferred cross section	2
16	SMR	Shift parking to left lane and move on-road bike lane to rightmost lane.	2
17	Cunamara	Keep bikes and pedestrians away from each other	2
18	Jack G. Quayle	Safe intersections are a priority	2
19	Summit Neighbor*	Plow snow away from elevated bike paths	2
20	alison rasch	Safety for bikes and peds	2
21	Take in the views*	Cars are great for getting places, not enjoying places	1
22	Bryan Lair*	Do a "complete sidewalk" on each side of Summit.	1
23	BrynK	Return of Bridal Path	1
24	Bob MacNeal	Pedestrian Bridges	1
25	Walks Summit Every Day Year Round*	Reopen Walnut Stairs	1
26	Summit Neighbor*	Re-design Street Summit E/W Cut Throughs to be a destination	1
27	Summit Neighbor*	Priority crossings at major roads	1
28	Summit Neighbor*	Add public restrooms, shade, and water fountains at Chestnut Plaza	1
29	Ryan S	The very first block of Summit has been completely ignored. This is an opportunity to return Summit Park to its historic design as well	1
30	MR, StP since 2008*	#1 priority: reducing risk of death, injury, and collisions via design and on-going maintenance (snow removal)	1
32	MR, StP since 2008*	Add electric car charging stations along Summit or 1 street over	1
32	MR, StP since 2008*	bathroom facilities	1
33	Paul C	Reduce cars, not trees	1
34	Bruce	So i tried to watch the "fly over of Summit" video.	0
35	Meridith*	Make the sidewalks, bike paths, and road heated	0
36	Meridith*	Snow clearing - make sure its easy to remove snow from the bike lanes and that the dept has enough of the proper equipment	0
37	Summit Neighbor*	Add benches along Summit median	0
38	Summit Neighbor*	On street parking permits	0
39	JustForFun*	Save our trees (and dogs)	0
40	JustForFun*	I pay for that parking	0
41	Matthew	Multi use park!	0
42	Tallah	Buy the 2 awful little pastel colored homes on Victoria/Summit at any price and make a little green area with benches. They are HORRIBLE.	0

***Engage St Paul - Summit Avenue Regional Trail
"Community Ideas" Opposing Regional Trail Proposal***

1. Tim - "Leave Summit Alone"

 **Tim**
10 months ago



Leave Summit Alone

It is by far the most beautiful street in the city. Don't mess with it. The boulevards are well used and add to the uniqueness of the street. The bike lanes west of Lexington are wider than anywhere else in the city. There are so many more priorities in the city that affect so many more people. Please be responsible and think of the transportation issues of the north end and Eastside before you try to fix Summit Ave

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/20323>

2. Sharon - "I love Summit! As a runner and biker, it is one of my favorite places in the Cities due to the history and beauty. Please keep the beauty!"

 **Sharon**
10 months ago



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3. Mike Lawless - "Summit Avenue is one of the prime showcases of St. Paul. Putting a bike lane down the median will disrupt the beauty of the space."

 **Mike Lawless**
5 months ago



Summit Avenue is one of the prime showcases of St. Paul. Putting a bike lane down the median will disrupt the beauty of the space.

No to a median bike path!

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/24204>

4. wsbsbw - "NO MORE TREE REMOVAL for walk/bike/auto path expansion! Already too many trees on Summit are being lost to ash borer. Need ROAD REPAIR ONLY!"

 **wsbsbw**
4 months ago



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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/24490>

5. Manta - "Don't pave or construct on center boulevard."

 **Manta**
10 months ago



Don't pave or construct on center boulevard.

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/20533>

6. Rob - "On Road bike lane is better"

 **Rob**
6 months ago



On Road bike lane is better

Please keep the Summit Bike Lanes as is. As a 4-season bike commuter, I much prefer the on street bike lanes that are currently on Summit Avenue to the raised separated bike paths that I use in Minneapolis. (1) The streets are designed with gutters & drains, so do not form nasty puddles like you see above. (2) As a winter bonus, the wheels of the cars actually clear snow off the bike lanes when it's under the threshold for plowing. (3) bike paths like the one above tend to be used by runners or even people walking their dogs. It's not safe to mix speeds, especially with the increased use of E-bikes I've seen over the last year. (4) Finally, two-way lanes like this are not good for group rides, or for families, who can sometimes spread out and ride side-by-side with a one-way on-Street facility. My greatest request for Summit is to simply fix the pavement. My second most important would be to improve the intersection design at and near Snelling. The relatively narrow Crossing combined with the hill is extremely problematic. The three older frontage road merge intersections should be redesigned to be safer.



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Les
10 months ago



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Eric L
4 months ago



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Saint Paul's green spaces (trees, grass, etc.) benefit almost everyone. Bike lanes benefit relatively few. Let's maintain "... a city that works - for all of us" by preserving the few natural spaces that remain.

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/24396>

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Johnson Kathleen
2 months ago



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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/25566>

10. GrandMan - "Smooth Ride."



GrandMan
10 months ago



Smooth ride.

Please repave sections that have not been. Bouncing along in my car, on my bike, or twisting my ankle while walking is old.



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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/20529>

11. S. in St. Paul - "Keep Summit Avenue the treasure it is. Keep trees. Shocked anyone wants to mess with it! No right on red good idea!"



S. in St. Paul
3 months ago



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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/25104>

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Jim
4 months ago



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It is perfect as it is. Leave it alone. Pave the street.



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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/24831>

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wsbsbw
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Gina M
3 months ago



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Keep the trees!

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Elizabeth Slattery
4 months ago



Keep the old street historic, shaded, used by cyclists, pedestrians, runners, dog walkers. The park benches are great for frisbee, tag footb

I love the current layout of Summit, don't change it. Keep the old horse lanes as they are. The lanterns and trees create a French/ Parisian Promenade. Green space!

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/24600>

16. sallylcheng - "I am a resident in this area and I like the way Summit Ave is. Keep everything as it is. All trees and green space of median must be kept!"



sallylcheng
3 months ago



I am a resident in this area and I like the way Summit Ave is. Keep everything as it is. All trees and green space of median must be kept!

Keep the trees and green median! No paved bike lane - we already have one!

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/24987>

17. S. Mason - "Better Snow Removal: bike lanes and sidewalks"



S Mason
7 months ago



Better Snow Removal: bike lanes and sidewalks

The most effective and appreciated safety improvement to Summit as a trail would be better (quicker, more frequent) snow and ice removal from the bike lanes and (especially) sidewalks. Let's treat the Summit sidewalks as the trail they are!

Could the regional trail study result in dedicated winter maintenance of the pedestrian and bike lanes (i.e. trails)? Could St Paul purchase a trail-size snow removal vehicle dedicated to consistently and evenly clearing the bike lanes AND all the sidewalks on Summit? It would be an amazing improvement that the city/county could provide to Summit's many walkers, runners, wheelers, and bikers.

Sources: (1) Snow removal was a "Top Three" most requested improvement cited in the City's Pedestrian Plan <https://www.stpaul.gov/sites/default/files/Media%20Root/Public%20Works/Saint%20Paul%20Pedestrian%20Plan%205.8.19%20Compressed.pdf> (2) Winter Bike lane maintenance best practices: <https://altago.com/wp-content/uploads/winter-bike-riding-white-paper-alta.pdf>

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/21807>

18. S. Mason - Summit is an APA Great Street



S Mason
7 months ago



Summit is an APA Great Street

Summit won the distinguished "Great Street" designation 2008 for its "architectural legacy, marvelous vistas, park-like qualities, and a decades-long history of planning measures, civic participation, and private stewardship that [has] kept Summit's unique character intact." The importance of keeping "Summit Avenue St. Paul's and the nation's best 'showcase street' of the Victorian era" should be foremost in any planning decisions. Summit is much more than a regional trail, it is national treasure and a protected heritage resource.

<https://www.planning.org/greatplaces/streets/2008/summitavenue.htm>

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/21806>

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Steve Conway
3 months ago



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Don't harm trees!

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/25501>

20. Meg - Please do not remove trees and increase pavement. I say this as a regular cyclist on Summit. This city cannot lose any more trees.



Meg
3 months ago



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The city canopy has already been devastated by St. Paul's approach to emerald ash borer management (i.e clear-cutting every last ash when we have a safe, effective, affordable treatment available). Removing healthy trees for the sake of adding unnecessary pavement should be unthinkable. And the idea that we will ever be able to replace the shade and other ecosystem values these established trees provide in the face of climate change is a farce. Summit needs resurfacing and repainting, NOT widening. Like so many others, I also love having the unpaved walking path down the center greenspace. Please don't mess with this. It's nice to have some unpaved places to walk in the city.

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/25508>

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Rodden
3 months ago



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Manta
5 months ago



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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/24147>

23. OntheAvenue - "Parks & Rec: please use my tax dollars where they're actually needed, i.e. improve green spaces in historically ignored neighborhoods."



OntheAvenue
2 months ago



Parks & Rec: please use my tax dollars where they're actually needed, i.e. improve green spaces in historically ignored neighborhoods.

Can Parks & Rec focus on the true issues at hand of racism and income inequality by directing plans and funds to areas of the city that really need help? Yes, Summit Avenue needs road repairs; to note in the past two years its bike lanes have become considerably wider. So why isn't P&R doing more work in lower income neighborhoods that have historically been ignored for decades. This is the perfect opportunity to make St. Paul a leader in social justice by taking the high road and using its talents to build more green spaces and improve parks where they are actually needed within neighborhoods to help stabilize them. Please don't waste my precious tax dollars on trying to "improve" Summit Ave. You can't. Please use precious my tax dollars to improve lower income neighborhoods. I realize a plan for Summit will likely go forward; my feedback is to spend a bare bones minimum on the plan and any so-called improvement. Then earmark plans and funds for the neighborhoods that deserve the kind of attention that is being paid to Summit Avenue right now.

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/25530>

24. Bobbimck - "Please , please do not sacrifice any trees for your changes. Zero trees lost, please. Thanks."



Bobbimck
2 months ago



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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/25573>

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26. Harry - "Address homelessness! Fund our schools, decrease class size, & pay our teachers! Fix the roads. How can this ridiculous idea be a priority"



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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/25518>

27. lauraK - "Protect our trees!"



Protect our trees!

We need the trees for air quality and psychological benefit. I bike. I love trees. I'd give up biking to keep the trees any day of the week.



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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/25579>

28. Red - "Summit is Our Pride"



Summit is Our Pride

Architecture students come to see it as every known house style is on the street. Even my nephew from Oregon had heard of the street. Do not cut down trees, remove parking, etc. Just pave it over! it needs it.



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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/25613>

29. Red - "Plan Cuts Out Elders"



Red
2 months ago



Plan Cuts Out Elders

More bike, less car is a young person's policy. We live on Summit. We can't see speeding bikes crossing our drive. Can't ride a bike-- balance issues and arthritis. There's no ADA to help elders, so please pay attention and just re-pave our beautiful street. Begging you.

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/25614>

30. Red - "What will you do with these ideas?"



Red
2 months ago



What will you do with these ideas?

The site answers the question by talking about privacy, only. What I want to know is...are we wasting our time engaging? I'm beginning to think we are. The neighborhood is squarely against the Summit plan, yet the timelines have it moving right along. We can vote you all out, and we will, but the trees will already be cut down.

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/25625>

31. Concerned - "Read the commentary in today's STRIB about Cleveland Avenue"



Concerned
2 months ago



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Rebecca Noecker - thank you for the thoughtful response. We often wonder if elected officials read their mail. We are pleased that you do and take the time to respond.

A very timely commentary appears in today's STRIB - "Press pause on clear-cutting Cleveland Avenue."

There are two key sentences in the article:

1. "Should the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners remake the relatively quiet two-way street to include two bike lanes, a family bike trail, parking bays and a wider roadway?"
2. "When explaining the wild increase in the number of trees that will get clobbered, officials acknowledged that they had done a poor job of informing the community about the metastasized growth of the project."

I think the relevance of those two sentences to the project underway on Summit are obvious and do not need further development on my part.

Please understand that we are not two people who are simply opposed to anything that is new. We are concerned that the momentum to satisfy multiple objectives will result in a "solution" that does not add to the ambiance, character, charm, historic quality, or livability of Summit Avenue but, in fact, detracts from it.

Thank you for listening.

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32. AliceGebura - "Residents along Cleveland Ave are getting a bad surprise. They were told the rebuild would remove 50-60 trees, now the # is 160."



AliceGebura
3 months ago



Residents along Cleveland Ave are getting a bad surprise. They were told the rebuild would remove 50-60 trees, now the # is 160.

The best way to preserve Summit Avenue is to leave it alone.

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33. AliceGebura - "Met Council aims for 45 % tree cover across the Metro. Bike trail will DERAIl this goal."



AliceGebura
2 months ago



Met Council aims for 45 % tree cover across the Metro. Bike trail will DERAIl this goal.

"...ideal canopy cover is around 45 percent, according to the Metropolitan Council..."

"St. Paul's Summit Hill neighborhood northwest of downtown, has 42 percent tree canopy cover. Median household incomes are about \$118,600 and 9 percent of residents are Black, Indigenous or people of color."

Eric Wojchik, a planning analyst with the Met Council:

"Trees are far more than just a pretty landscape feature. Among other benefits, they also block wind, provide cooling, and help to clean the air we breathe.

The interconnection of the issues around public health, biodiversity, climate change [and] environmental justice. All of these are interconnected and the tree canopy is an avenue by which we can actually address some of the emerging threats that we're facing." "When you map temperatures during a heat wave, the difference in temperatures can be significant, Wojchik said, between places with more and fewer trees. "That's a huge difference in terms of human health and how we're feeling," he said.

Karen Zumach, director of community forestry at Tree Trust:

"Trees have many benefits to people — direct and indirect. Trees conserve energy by shading homes in the summer and blocking wind in the winter. They suck up carbon and store it, reducing greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere. They slow storm water runoff and reduce the pollution it causes by collecting rain. Trees increase property values. And there's plenty of research that finds trees improve people's mental and emotional health.

"We like to call them super heroes. There's really not too much they can't do," Zumach said.

That means neighborhoods that have lots of trees reap the benefits of them, while neighborhoods that don't miss out.

These quotes are from Minnpost April 29, 2022 Shady practices: New mapping tool shows inequity of tree coverage in the metro

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34. Red - "Don't mess with trees on Summit"



Red
2 months ago



Don't mess with trees on Summit

Trees around my house saved me in yesterdays 98 degree heat wave. Imagine whaat 100 trees do to modulate global warming with their shade...and more importantly with exhaling oxygen and inhaling Co2. Leave the beautiful trees on Summit alone. If you cut 10, 10 more will wither and die within a decade. That's the way trees work. Really. Just. Don't.

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35. J - "I am a life long St. Paul resident. I love Summit Avenue just the way it is. The only thing it really needs is a new surface ASAP."



J
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36. Summit Ave Resident - "Do NOT remove trees from boulevards! City should fix the road and focus on calming traffic - slower speed limits, more stop signs, x-walks."



Summit Ave Resident
3 months ago



Do NOT remove trees from boulevards! City should fix the road and focus on calming traffic - slower speed limits, more stop signs, x-walks.

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37. Judy - "Terrible ideas. Summit is a residential street, not a park. Don't cut trees or limit parking. Just re-pave and leave it alone."



Judy
3 months ago



Terrible ideas. Summit is a residential street, not a park. Don't cut trees or limit parking. Just re-pave and leave it alone.

Bad Idea.

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38. AliceGebura - "Children are our future. MN under funds its schools in spite of billions surplus"



AliceGebura
3 months ago



Children are our future. MN under funds its schools in spite of billions surplus

"Back in April, the board of education said the district [Minneapolis] needed to make about \$27 million in cuts for the next school year."(Star Tribune) "If the district [Saint Paul] were to keep everyone they're now paying, and if there are no increases to the per-pupil funding formula and enrollment keeps falling, the projected deficit soars to around \$103 million by 2024-25." (Pioneer Press) It is absolutely galling to see a crowd of consultants who know nothing about living in our neighborhood getting paid big bucks to cook up this utterly superfluous bike trail on Summit Ave while our schools continue to be under funded. Children will happily accept their third rate education as long as they can ride their bikes to school on the new icy bike trail in -20 degree weather.

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39. AliceGebura - "According to the "consultants" at the last meeting "We will keep tree loss to a minimum." Don't believe it!"



AliceGebura
2 months ago



According to the "consultants" at the last meeting "We will keep tree loss to a minimum." Don't believe it!

Based on what criteria? If trees are actually recognized and valued, where is the tree inventory for Summit Avenue?

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40. Red - "Inventory, please"



Red
2 months ago



Inventory, please

How many trees on Summit? What percentage do you intend to cut down? I've lost trust since the Cleveland Ave. disaster which is a rolling crisis for trees, people, and all sorts of beings who depend on tree cover.

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41. JoAnn - "NO tree removal! Additional tree removal would be bad for aesthetics, the environment and personal well-being"



JoAnn
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42. bikelanesforwhiteguys - "Stop pretending there is an actual demand for these bikes lanes, let alone a project that ruins Summitt Ave."

 **bikelanesforwhiteguys**
2 months ago

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Stop pretending there is an actual demand for these bikes lanes, let alone a project that ruins Summitt Ave.

I drive both ways 4 times per day from St. Paul to Mpls. Using Summitt Ave & Marshall Ave. and on the nicest weekend day, there is still not enough bike riders to even justify what is in place now!! Ridiculous! Nobody is turning there cars in for bikes in a winter state! Do you have children? Then you own a car, and eventually they will too! Bike riders cause half of the accidents on the road per the Dept of Transportation and that number is most likely higher, as fault often gets assessed to a motor vehicle. So bikes share the road and don't need to learn any of the laws of the roads? Don't have to carry insurance or pay registration. Some of the riders I have seen are not even capable of going up and down a curb which should be mandatory if riding in the road. Lets talk facts. Bikes riding on busy roads with traffic is bad for your health, so much so, that cardiologists don't recommend exercising near busy roadways. In fact they say it actually healthier to not exercise at all than breath car exhaust when exercising in higher traffic areas, which bikes do. It's dangerous riding in the road regardless of a protected lane because accidents happen at intersection most of the time. Bone density lose from primarily bike riding. New studies have shown this is common in frequent riders because there is too little impact. Daily riding can cause Impotence in men from the bike seat. What about first responders?? When you create road congestion by design and eliminate all 4 lane roads (2 lanes each way), how do emergency vehicles get to the location? In an emergency, seconds matter. What data have they studied during rush hour and first responder times?? How do cars pull over when there is no lane to pull over? Marshall Ave is backed up blocks during peak hours, if your family member needed to get to the hospital via ambulance, they might not make it in time! Cost, cost, cost! Hundreds of millions of dollars for bike lanes & traffic studies in a winter state where you cant use them for 6 months out of the year anyways. Well off white guys on expensive bikes is what this is for. Go to Frogtown and Rhondo community, people in these neighborhoods do not use bikes lanes! Our city council supports this nonsense and doesn't ride bikes to work. I know because I work downtown and have never seen one council member arrive on a bike! We have construction at every corner all the time and these people think Wabasha dntn needs a bike lane?? For who?? Out of touch with reality in support of this nonsense. You say you want green friendly?? How do you think cars idling at traffic lights during peak hours because all the roads are single lane because of bikes lanes and you think this is better for the environment?? It cause more polution because of the bikes lanes. Adress these issues! YOU can & won't because this is a fact! You represent ALL of the community, not just white guys on expensive bikes and the intolerant St. Paul Bicycle club that can'y even garner 1k of likes of facebook! Enough of this nonsense. PS You ever notice most bike riders do not have not appropriate lighting and rarely wear visible clothing? THIS plan seems like a forgone conclusion that they want to take Summitt and all the rest of the community ahs to deal with it. The community does not want ot need this and if you think so, then start riding your bike every day, year around and then lets talk!

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43. Renter on Summitt - "Keep trees & parking"

 **Renter on Summitt**
3 months ago

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Keep trees & parking

I was just carrying a laundry basket from my apartment to my car, and a guy walking by told me to check out this website. He said that the city wants to take parking off one side of the Summitt, so there will only half as much. He said that bike lane planners seem to think the only way we can keep the trees, is to lose the parking. Why can't we have trees and parking? Right now we have big trees, bike lanes, great sidewalks, and enough parking so renters like me can live here. I can't ride a bike with a laundry basket! I'm not walking three blocks carrying groceries, laundry. Not to mention winter. If you remove the parking, I will have to move. Do you know how hard it is to find a decent affordable place, quiet neighborhood, with parking? Don't mess up my life. Peace out from the laundromat.

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44. Red - "Cutting healthy trees is disastrous"

 **Red**
2 months ago

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Cutting healthy trees is disastrous

Trees provide shade in the heat of our destabilized climate; they provide oxygen that will be even more sorely needed by city dwellers; they diminish runoff from sudden rains, which are a growing problem; they provide a home for so many forms of life. And you want to cut them down to make streets for bicyclers who already have a lane on Summitt? For shame!

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45. Trees First - "SAVE THE TREES. Focus on repairing and maintaining existing infrastructure by properly resurfacing all city streets first and foremost."



SAVE THE TREES. Focus on repairing and maintaining existing infrastructure by properly resurfacing all city streets first and foremost.

The trees are as much a part of the charm and beauty of Summit Ave as the history is as well as providing many benefits to residents and visitors alike. Removing them for pavement will have cascading effects. There are other opportunities to connect the west to east via the River Road (already existing) as well as the Ford Spur Plan. Explore ALL other options first!



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46. akhan - "Repave the street, replace trees that were removed"



Repave the street, replace trees that were removed

Keep the dirt running path, trees, and street bike lane. I live on Summit, run, and bike commute to downtown StP. The worst part of the commute is getting into and around downtown, taking Kellogg (especially with Construction) is not great. Also, we REALLY need a bike rack at Shadow Falls Park (Summit&River Road)



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47. AliceGebura - "Ageism: 'Senior citizens who can't walk find that they can ride a bike because it puts less stress on their joints.'"



Ageism: "Senior citizens who can't walk find that they can ride a bike because it puts less stress on their joints."

This quote is from someone who claims "Bikes are the answer to halting climate change." There are 18 seniors on my block alone, ages 65 to 93. Two of them - I and my husband - are the only ones able to ride a bike. Here are some of the reasons seniors can't accommodate this dictum: macular degeneration, deafness, Meniere's syndrome (vertigo), cancer and the effects of treatment, asthma, debilitating arthritis and more. Those who believe any senior can hop on a bike should have a conversation with a geriatrician to understand what it means to be elderly and the restrictions it imposes on many who have led healthy, active lives up until old age. Also, there are always people who are recovering from accidents or planned surgeries who cannot simply get on a bike to go to a doctor's appointment or elsewhere - especially in January. Biking is not a valid option for transportation for the majority of us.



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48. ok - "As a frequent cyclist, the problem with Summit Avenue is poor road surface on many segments. DO NOT need removal of trees and green space!"



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Peter G.



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49. Paul B - "There is nothing wrong with the current design. Let's not make the same mistakes of Cleveland Ave in SAP. Don't fix what isn't broken."

 Paul B
a month ago

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Summit Ave - Don't fix what isn't broken.

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50. Summit Ave Resident "Painted crosswalks at every intersection. Add periodic stop signs east of Lexington to change Summit from a dangerous speedway."

 Summit Ave Resident
3 months ago

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51. STPDale "This is not community input."

 STPDale
3 months ago

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This is not community input.

The community cannot give their input without knowing definite facts about what is being proposed. What impact will the plans have on parking, trees, green space, sidewalks, crosswalks, etc? Without these answers, St. Paul cannot claim to be interested in gathering community input in good faith.

I predict the final plan and design will be made public only when it is too late for neighbors to do anything about it.

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52. Dom "What are the statistics on safety? How will residents who live on the 100' foot section move in and out of their homes if there is no alley?"

 Dom
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53. Dom "Driveways will be blocked? How will it be handled for those with no alley access? There seem to be no practical solutions 4 the 100' section"

 Dom
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54. EllenTB - "Bike lane between curb and parked cars"

 EllenTB
2 months ago

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Bike lane between curb and parked cars

I haven't seen any consideration given to putting the bike lane between the curb and parked cars. Mpls has done this on a few streets so should have some information to share. Parked cars would provide a safety buffer for bikes and likely slow traffic as the traffic lane would appear, tho not actually be, narrower.

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55. cmsgt - "Focus on using the new Ayd Mill trail to be the "regional trail" from Mississippi to downtown."

 cmsgt
2 months ago

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Focus on using the new Ayd Mill trail to be the "regional trail" from Mississippi to downtown.

I see Summit's biggest need is replacing current asphalt and sidewalks. More engagement and encouragement for bikers to use the Ayd Mill trail is needed.

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56. 52L - "Summit Avenue is an attractive street in St. Paul. It should remain so with resurfacing."

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Summit Avenue is an attractive street in St. Paul. It should remain so with resurfacing.

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57. Trees first - "Trees are part of the beauty and history (some dating 100 yrs+). These should remain intact as part of the historical aspects of the area."

 **Trees First**
2 months ago

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Trees are part of the beauty and history (some dating 100 yrs+). These should remain intact as part of the historical aspects of the area.

The trees and greenways provide environmental benefits (shade, cooling, air filtration) for all who pass as well as the added benefit of the stunning fall colors to take in every year. Please keep this natural environment as is and seek alternate solutions for a recreational path (improve/widen/restructure any existing paths, explore other areas/projects already proposed) especially those with minimal impact to residential areas (of historical significance).

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58. MC - "Completely unnecessary. Period. Repave the street and maintain it. Simple. Beautiful. Not expensive."

 **MC**
a month ago

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Completely unnecessary. Period. Repave the street and maintain it. Simple. Beautiful. Not expensive.

Somehow planners have run wild and crazy with their concepts and ideas. What about being content with the beautiful space that exists? Why do we need to always change things? As a bike commuter, Summit is just that. The peak of beauty. Practice some contentment people!. Save tons of money, prevent headaches and develop peace. Just pave it and maintain it.

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59. Terry - "A Simple Bicycle Path Option"

 **Terry**
2 months ago

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A Simple Bicycle Path Option

One way to preserve all the existing trees and on-street parking is to simply move the parked cars away from the curb and mark the bike path in green next to the curb. It allows for one-way bike lanes on each side of the avenue within the existing width of the street. Of course motorists need to be careful when the passenger side door is opened but no different than now with the driver side door to avoid hitting a passing cyclist. This approach is currently used in many cities that have miles of bike lanes using this approach. I recently biked many miles in Brooklyn and NYC on designated bike lanes that are between parked cars and the curb - and felt safe with lots of vehicle traffic separated from the bike lane.

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60. marilyn bach - "Trees will be harmed during the construction of the trail . St. Paul has no comprehensive tree preservation ordinance ."

 **marilyn bach**
14 days ago

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Trees will be harmed during the construction of the trail . St. Paul has no comprehensive tree preservation ordinance .

heavy construction activity near a tree (without protection of the tree) will damage the root ball --tree will die -perhaps 8 to 10 years later

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61. S Mason - "Master Plan for Snelling Intersection to improve safety"

S Mason
3 months ago



Master Plan for Snelling Intersection to improve safety

Study for improved safety at Snelling intersection, with design for 25 MPH max speeds on Summit. The Snelling intersection has one of Summit's 2 bicyclist fatalities. (The other was 1/2 block to the east.)



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62. S Mason - "Better design for Wheeler Transition"

S Mason
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Better design for Wheeler Transition

Redesign to increase safety, lower vehicle speeds (25 MPH max), decrease pavement & increase green space and impervious surface.



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63. S Mason - "Redesign Transitions for Safety: East of Snelling"

S Mason
3 months ago



Redesign Transitions for Safety: East of Snelling

Study for improved safety at west-bound, East-of-Snelling roadway transition, with design for 25 MPH max speeds on Summit. The southern "merge" was previously redesigned for safety, tragically after a fatality. The Northern merge has not been redesigned. (The southern "merge" was the site of one of Summit's 2 bicyclist fatalities. The other was 1/2 block to the west, at Snelling.) Redesign to only pave where needed, decreasing impervious surface area.



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64. Kim - "Please don't remove any more trees. We need them to breath. I love summit Avenue. Just fix the darn streets!"

Kim
a month ago



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65. mlruth - "Preserve & enhance the historic beauty of the Summit Ave corridor. Don't "fix" a problem that doesn't exist."

 mlruth
22 days ago ⋮ ×

Preserve & enhance the historic beauty of the Summit Ave corridor. Don't "fix" a problem that doesn't exist.

We bought our home in this area specifically because we were attracted by the beauty of Summit Ave. We've biked (as well as walked) the Avenue countless times & find the current bike path more than adequate & a real favorite to ride. The corridor needs repaving for the benefit of all types of vehicle traffic, and the speed limit should be enforced, but those are the only improvements needed. We've lost enough trees to Dutch Elm disease, and NO more should be removed.

The elevated path proposed for some parts is an extremely poor plan. Commuter & serious sport bikers will hate to the point of not using. We've lived in communities which have installed such elevated paths citing safety concerns, and we've personally witnessed that most bikers refuse to ride on such paths due to congestion, speed limitations, the hazard of driveways & the need to stop at every cross street. With narrowed traffic lanes & the elimination of the on-street bike lanes, the presence of bicyclists will surely spell disaster.

The generous availability of on-street parking makes Summit Avenue an easily accessed destination for the many people who regularly come to enjoy walking, biking, picnicking, playing croquet, doing yoga, listening to music, etc. That parking would be eliminated by much of this plan and also create a serious problem for any service vehicle (lawn care, plumber, painter, etc).

As this bike corridor is already a success, why not find an alternate east-west road to modify for bicycles which would perhaps enhance an area that can use it? The historic nature of Summit should seriously preclude ANY alterations such as most of those suggested in this plan.

Can't help but suspect that the attraction of federal funds is driving this.

Frankly, we find this plan to be so contraindicated as to be laughable, IF it wasn't so offensive and apparently being seriously considered. I do not say this to insult anyone personally, but only to emphasize the negative impact the enactment of this plan would have on the area involving Summit Ave. We're very lucky to have such a well preserved and maintained historic area for all to enjoy, and it should be treasured. This current plan should be trashed.

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66. Lorax on Wheels - "Keep the Trees; Cycling with Less Shade Isn't an Improvement"

 Lorax on Wheels
6 days ago ⋮ ×

Keep the Trees; Cycling with Less Shade Isn't an Improvement

The greenery is what makes me love this state, city, and street. This is also one of the only streets I actually feel safe biking on already; it's streets like Snelling that seem to force all the cyclists onto the cramped sidewalk. I love the idea of finding a way to keep bike lanes more usable in winter, though. I'm not opposed to change; I just think Saint Paul is a better place than many other cities I've seen due to its careful mesh of nature and people. If we lose the old trees, we'll lose shade, birdsong, and one of the best parts of L'Étoile du Nord.

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67. Keptrees - "Fix the potholes, read description below"

 Keptrees
6 days ago ⋮ ×

Fix the potholes, read description below

Keep in mind that Summit Ave has always been there "for all"--bikers, walkers, runners, drivers. Also that those who live in those houses along Summit Ave have at their own expense, purchased, restored, maintained and pay up to \$40,000 annually in taxes so that the beauty of this street is available "to all". Maintenance is more expensive because it requires custom craftsmen to restore elements of architectural design.

To make it a regional trail is

- 1) to destroy the beauty of this street for all.
- 2) to increase air pollution since trees remove carbon dioxide from the air, store carbon in the trees and soil, and release oxygen into the atmosphere.
- 3) to obstruct the driveways of the very homeowners who have built the beauty of Summit Area.

In effect, to build the regional trail is to kill the goose that laid the golden egg. What's to keep these homeowners from moving elsewhere and allowing these homes to revert to the dilapidated state in which they were purchased? Keep in mind, these homeowners took round the clock shifts to keep drug dealers and prostitutes at bay during the early days of their purchase, and this while they were working full time jobs. These homes were not inherited! Why would you destroy their gift to all of us?

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68. bikelanesforwhiteguys - "THERE IS NO DEMAND TO USE THE CURRENT BIKES LANES!! WHY WOULD WE DESTROY SUMMIT AVENUE AND KILL MORE TREES?!?!?! WHAT A JOKE!"

 bikelanesforwhiteguys
2 months ago

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THERE IS NO DEMAND TO USE THE CURRENT BIKES LANES!! WHY WOULD WE DESTROY SUMMIT AVENUE AND KILL MORE TREES?!?!?! WHAT A JOKE!

Let's be clear THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKE AND THE VAST MAJORITY DO NOT WANT THIS PLAN!! And those pushing this in the St. Paul City Council & Met Council don't even bike to work and wouldn't year around. What a bunch of hypocrites. They claim it will increase you property value LOL!! What a joke! It will also increase your property taxes when if and when that value goes up. Property value doesn't matter if you plan to stay in your home but can't afford to because the city keeps raising your taxes!

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69. Walks Summit Every Day Year Round - "Don't remove the history"

 Walks Summit Every Day Year Round
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Don't remove the history

Historic granite curbs are an important part of the streetscape. They can be retrofit for ADA. The layout & symmetry, materials, texture and beauty matter!



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***Engage St Paul - Summit Avenue Regional Trail
"Community Ideas" Supporting Regional Trail Proposal***

1. Luke - "Great Plan!"

 Luke Hanson
2 months ago



Great plan!

This is an excellent proposal. Summit Avenue has been an important bike route since before automobiles, and it has become unsafe for bicyclists because of speeding cars. Removing on-street parking and narrowing the driving lanes will slow traffic and make it safe for vulnerable users, while also minimizing impacts on trees and other unique qualities of the boulevards. Either the two-way bike path on one side or the one-way bike paths on opposite sides of Summit would be a major upgrade.

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2. drs - "One central island from river to Capital."

 drs
10 months ago



One central island from river to Capital.

Keep consistent design of one central island - large enough for kids to play on. No island = high traffic noise, two islands = complex crossings and no utility to the island itself. I grew up on summit and many many enjoyed walking on them. It also provides a consistent framework for appearance, design, traffic and usage.

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3. Faith Krogstad - "Let's make biking along Summit possible for all ages and abilities."

 Faith Krogstad
3 months ago



Let's make biking along Summit possible for all ages and abilities.

Current bike lanes put bicyclists next to car traffic and in the "door zone" of parked cars. Separating bikes from cars will enable more people to choose biking over driving cars and will likely calm traffic due to the narrower roadway.

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4. Summit Neighbor - "Separated and maintained walkable/bikeable Summit"

 Summit Neighbor
2 months ago



Separated and maintained walkable/bikeable Summit

Restore this street away from vehicle-centric to people-centric. Maintain as many trees as is possible, plant new ones when you can't, and do raised crosswalks to emphasize that people driving through are guests to this street and should treat those outside of the vehicle as the priority. Please elevate and separate the bike paths off of the street. Doing raised crossings would slow down all users, including speeding cars and fast bikes. Children should feel safe to get to their friends houses on their own down this avenue. Adults should feel safe getting to the grocery store or taking an evening stroll. Thank you

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5. Summit Neighbor - "Safe separated infrastructure"

 Summit Neighbor
2 months ago



Safe separated infrastructure

I think there is a general misunderstanding about who this design is for. Designing bike paths makes it possible for everyone who doesn't identify as a cyclist to participate safely and at their ability. I use a bike for transportation and am not a serious cyclist but I cycle to the grocery store, doctors office, Target pickups, etc because it is good for the environment and good for my health to not be sitting down in a steel box doing trips that are under 3 miles. I would use the bike paths to safely arrive to different destinations along / near Summit because I am not a serious cyclist, I just want to get around town safely without feeling afraid for my life because there is a 5,000lb vehicle 3 feet away from me that is very likely to kill me if they don't "see" me.

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6. Take in the views - "Is it about the trees"

 Take in the views
2 months ago



Is it about the trees

Think we can get a percentage of how many trees were lost to the sprawling estates in the area? Folks seem very concerned about how many trees they can see from each of their 5+ bedroom windows. I'd prefer to start a Go Fund Me for the trees than have to make one for cyclists or pedestrians struck by vehicles... dont pass up on opportunities to make our community safer.

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7. terry.brueck - "One-way, off-street bike paths are safest and best option"

 terry.brueck
2 months ago



One-way, off-street bike paths are safest and best option

Bike paths can be made safer and more comfortable than existing on-street bike lanes, encouraging more people to ride. They can be made to fit within the current street right-of-way. They won't destroy trees. They would cost almost nothing if implemented as part of regularly scheduled street reconstructions.

NIMBY groups along Summit Ave (including SARPA) have organized a misinformation campaign, claiming that the project would remove all the trees on Summit Ave. This is not true--the trees can be protected and a better biking facility can be built without affecting trees or roots. In the attached diagram the total width for street parking and bike path is 31' with 4' grass strips vs the current 28.5" all asphalt street (only about a foot wider than each current curb).



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8. Bryan Lair - "Keep the separate bike paths clear in winter"

 Bryan Lair
25 days ago



Keep the separate bike paths clear in winter

I'm supportive of a separate bike path that will encourage more environmentally beneficial transportation through bikes and e bikes. During winter, it'll be important to keep these paths clear in order to encourage year round use. Often the current bike lanes are full of the plowed snow or have cars parked in them during winter.

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9. Saint Paul Papa - "Plant two or three trees for every tree lost"

 Saint Paul Papa
2 months ago



Plant two or three trees for every tree lost

As with any complete reconstruction of a street and the underlying infrastructure, there will be some trees lost that are growing too close to the existing curb. Fortunately, there are not very many on Summit that fit that description and that gives hope that the vast majority of them can be saved. However, when it is necessary to remove a tree along Summit Avenue, consider planting 2 or 3 in its place so that the overall affect is a long-term increase in the canopy.

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Engage St Paul - "Community Ideas" n/a, off-topic, or unclear

*Engage St Paul - Summit Avenue Regional Trail
"Community Ideas" n/a, off-topic, or unclear*

1. SummitStroller - "Continue the historic 10 foot wide sidewalks for the entire length of Summit, adjusting when needed to preserve trees."

 SummitStroller
10 months ago



Continue the historic 10 foot wide sidewalks for the entire length of Summit, adjusting when needed to preserve trees.

Make the Sidewalks the Trail

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/20743>

2. Dale B. Davies - "Improve bicycle paths and reduce car useage"

 Dale B. Davies
3 months ago



Improve bicycle paths and reduce car useage

We should be making larger changes than seem currently considered. I believe we should leave the green space along Summit Blvd alone. We need the trees and green space. Make the north side 100% bicycle traffic and the south side two way traffic for cars. Reduce parking for cars along the street. Reduce car usage. Global warming is serious. We need to take drastic action. There will be driveways and other considerations. Take a bold idea and then work the details.

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3. Nick - "Eliminate turn on red"

 Nick
10 months ago



Eliminate turn on red

As a runner, I have a near miss with a car about once a week and it almost always drivers failing to once look to the right when turning on a red. Please consider posting "No turn on red" signs at ALL Summit intersections. It will only be respected by 25% of drivers but that is a quarter fewer drivers trying to kill me.

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4. Amy Jane - "A beautiful Italianate fountain at Summit and Lexington. And street repaving and maintenance. That's all."

 Amy Jane
4 months ago



A beautiful Italianate fountain at Summit and Lexington. And street repaving and maintenance. That's all.

We are the stewards of Summit Avenue at this time in history, let's not mess it up. It is an incredibly preserved art gallery of architecture. There is no need to add other artwork or extra pavement on natural paths. Repairs are needed and they urgently need to be completed. A beautiful Italianate fountain which would match the period of the architecture would be a great addition at the corner of Summit and Lexington as a focal point and destination for people driving by or out walking or riding or otherwise enjoying the area.

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5. Nate A - "Fruiting Shrub Layer"

 Nate A
10 months ago



Fruiting shrub layer

A row of fruiting shrubs under the canopy would support birds and other wildlife, add beauty (especially when blooming in the spring), add more of a park-like feel to the median, and provide fruit for the community. Native shrubs like serviceberry, hazelnuts, plums, elderberries, highbush cranberry, nannyberry, etc. would do well under the canopy (photo is a row of serviceberry in bloom)



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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/20226>

6. Nicole - "Keep the residential zoning as-is"

 Nicole
10 months ago



Keep the residential zoning as-is

Given the tenor of the times, I could imagine suggestions that Summit should become rezoned to allow for multi-unit properties akin to Marshall Avenue. Please don't. The low-lying, spacious, historic grandeur would be lost.

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7. cdskone - "Decrease lawn areas"

 cdskone
4 months ago



Decrease lawn areas

Install native prairie gardens in sunny areas.

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8. mm94 - "Proper bike facilities & all-modes intersections make the corridor safer and more enjoyable for everyone"

 mm94
3 months ago



Proper bike facilities & all-modes intersections make the corridor safer and more enjoyable for everyone

If there's an absolute minimum that should be done, it should be putting some separation of bike and auto traffic - possibly buffering an on-road bike lane with parking instead of putting it next to fast-moving vehicles and next to parking (and inviting bikes getting whacked with opening doors as well as, in winter, parked cars creeping into the bike lane, making it unusable) and a reconsideration of how most to all of the signalized intersections (especially west of Snelling) as current signal configurations often force non-auto users to "beg" to cross and/or create conflict with traffic veering into pedestrian/bike spaces. As it is, the corridor is fairly dangerous for everyone - peds/bikes/cars - due to the conflict points and unclear spaces built into it, especially in winter when lines are invisible or irrelevant.

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9. I want nice neighborhoods - "This is my laundry list of ideas. Will add clarification if asked"

 I want nice neighborhoods
4 months ago



This is my laundry list of ideas. Will add clarification if asked

1. Change the current widened bike lanes into ones that are parking protected (while keeping their current size)
2. Fertilize the plants of the green space in the road center to help them bounce back from die-off
3. Change all the stoplights to have a leading light interval for bikers and pedestrians
4. Have lights change depending on weather or not drivers are present on the road instead of on timers
5. Have bike lanes exist along the entirety of summit ave, or at least more of it
6. Install continuous sidewalks on some streets on a temporary basis (using cheap, easy to remove material) to test if it improves safety
7. install protected curbs for bikers along major turns like summit/Lexington
8. Implement methods of traffic calming along the street to encourage drivers to not treat the street like a miniature highway
9. The next time the street is resurfaced, look into using tarmac that absorbs car noise form driving better. It exists and is pretty cool [:
10. Also, there are machines now that scroll over streets when installing them that are a lot more uniform in pressure, and are associated with the streets lifespans extending by up to a decade

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10. MR, StP since 2008 - "Add bike fix-it stations every 1-2 miles"

 MR, StP since 2008
3 months ago



Add bike fix-it stations every 1-2 miles

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/25539>

11. Matyas - "Lay a crushed limestone/aggregate path down the boulevard."

 Matyas
10 months ago



Lay a crushed limestone/aggregate path down the boulevard.

Please don't pave it. We have enough paved pathways in the city. So many runners use this boulevard for the soft surface and the shade of the trees. The dirt single-track trail down the middle is fine, but a natural surface designated path would be more welcoming for both walkers and runners. My sense is there may be some hesitancy in designating a path on the boulevard due to safety at the intersections. However, pedestrians will continue to use the boulevard regardless, and it is wide enough to allow for safe crossing of the north-south streets.

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12. TPY - "Gathering spaces"



Gathering spaces

Creating different kinds of places for people to gather along the boulevard. Now, the roads, bike path, running paths, etc. just compel people to move along



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13. Pete - "GET ON THE BIKE PATH!!!!!!!!!!!"



GET ON THE BIKE PATH!!!!!!!!!!!

Everyone: GET ON THE BIKE PATH

Me: No

Here's why:

-- over there on the bike path, a dad teaching his son how to ride a bike. Awesome! A new cyclist is born! Let's let them use the path . . .

-- just beyond them is an inline skater, rocking out to her favorite tunes. I'm not mad at you-- that's where I'd be if I rode Rollerblades. We air high-five as I continue down the traffic lane . . .

-- beyond her is a person walking two dogs on 20-foot leashes. I've tried this one before, let's stay in the road . . .

-- next is a jogger running with a stroller. You go, momma! I'll be over here . . .

-- next are college students throwing frisbees back and forth across the path. You're only young once. Fun is fun! Riding on . . .

-- next is an elderly couple walking hand-in-hand on a beautiful summer day. I've got a bell on my bike, but there's really no courteous (or safe) way to pass these guys. They "should" be on the sidewalk, but they're not-- they're a heck of a lot older than me and as far as I'm concerned they can go wherever they want. I'll stay on the road . . .

-- I glimpsed over at the bike path and I see the speed limit there is 10mph. I ride around 15-20mph, and my roadie brodies are riding faster than that! I'm riding at speeds closer to the motor traffic speed (#twentyisplenty), so I'll stay in the street where I belong . . .

-- Here in the road, I've got an intersection every block. But the bike path has an intersection at every driveway! Wow, that's a lot of intersections. And when the bike path does join the traffic intersection, nobody can see the people on there . . .

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14. Meridith - "Snow clearing - make sure its easy to remove snow from the bike lanes and that the dept has enough of the proper equipment"



Snow clearing - make sure its easy to remove snow from the bike lanes and that the dept has enough of the proper equipment

Whatever the final design is, I want to make sure that it is easy for workers to clear it in the winter and that these folks have the proper equipment and enough equipment for years to come. They should be involved in the design discussion so that they can give input on if a particular design will present snow-clearing issues or will be easier to keep clear relative to other designs.

If the bike lane is physically separated from the road somehow (likely) Public Works won't be able to use their road plows. Do they have enough of the smaller, bike lane sized snow clearers? I'm not even sure this is what they use, but whatever they use I want it to be as easy as possible for Public Works to do its job. Do Public Works people have an opinion on various kinds of separate bike trails and what is easiest for them to maintain?

This is an important safety consideration.

The bike lane design should be a design that is easy to maintain for years to come.



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15. Sensitive Summit for All - "Lex to Victoria preferred cross section"

 Sensitive Summit for All
3 months ago

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Lex to Victoria preferred cross section

The description says the focus right now is a preferred cross-section to Lexington to Victoria.

Here is mine:

- peds first: where are sidewalks and ped crosswalks in this plan?
 - fix & maintain existing: existing road surface, including bike bike lanes, and sidewalks are in poor condition. The most needed improvement is maintenance.
 - safety for all: lower traffic speeds by narrowing car traffic lane widths from 11 feet to 10 feet
 - bike lanes: preserve on the street bike lanes that are preferred by commuters and e-bikes and higher speed bicycles.
 - bike lanes: increase safety of bike lanes by adding 1 foot painted buffer (taken from drive lane)
 - enhance sidewalks (pedestrian and slow speed realm): widen sidewalks from Lexington to Dale to better match wide sidewalks east of Dale. Widen only as much as feasible without hurting trees, 8-10 feet.
 - speed separation: keep on-street bike lanes for higher speed bikers and enhance "low speed" sidewalk for better shared use.
 - intersection safety: add raised crosswalks for sidewalks, as feasible. Re-paint faded crosswalks, add more painted crosswalks.
 - bike crosswalks: paint bike crosswalks on street so cars know where to stop.
 - bike crosswalks: paint bike crosswalks on street so cars know where to stop.
 - historic preservation: keep curb-to-curb the same, preserve granite curbs
 - trees: zero impact on trees.
 - increase pedestrian and bike safety: add signage and signaling at Victoria & Lexington for pedestrian and bike priority
 - preserve parking on both sides: parking on both sides allows for the many renters, multi family homeowners to access their homes in all seasons without jaywalking; it allows people with disabilities access to both sides of the street; it allows Grand Avenue employees and customers, visitors with disabilities and without disabilities, better access to park and engage with Summit (and Grand) on foot or non-motorized wheels (especially Victoria Crossings); it allows parents and school busses to more safely drop off kids at Schools and preschools (St Thomas More & Summit School); retains parking for churches and Hamline Mitchell; events at the Women's and and civil demonstrations at the Governors Mansions.
 - driveway safety: this proposal retains the boulevard width, protecting the "two stop" yield for the many driveways. Currently vehicles exiting driveways stop at the sidewalk and yield, then pull forward and stop at the parking lane, one-way bike lane and street and yield again. The proposed City designs changes the gap between to less than a car length, so cars yielding in the driveway will block the bike way or sidewalk when pulling out.
- This is my vision for an improved Lex to Victoria "preferred cross-section": sidewalk, bike, and car-way improvements that would increase safety for everyone, —including pedestrians—& balance needs. This section would work well for Victoria eastward, as well, respecting the significant renter and MF population within this densely populated area, as well as the historic, heavily used & enjoyed 10 foot wide . grid pattern sidewalks, and the access needs for unique institutions like the Cathedral, Summit Manor, Davidson, Commodore Road and University Club. Intersection safety in this area warrants specific design.



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16. SMR - "Shift parking to left lane and move on-road bike lane to rightmost lane."

 SMR
3 months ago

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Shift parking to left lane and move on-road bike lane to rightmost lane.

1. Keeps bikes from being threatened by autos from both sides
2. Maintains on-road bikeway and plowing advantages
3. Keeps bikeways functional for transportation and not just recreation
4. Maintains parking
5. Maintains green space/trees

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17. Cunamara - "Keep bikes and pedestrians away from each other"

 Cunamara
a month ago

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Keep bikes and pedestrians away from each other

Transportation design often lumps pedestrians and bicyclists together, but bicyclists are vehicles and not pedestrians. They should have separated facilities. Bicycles, like motor vehicles, are vehicles and should be using the roads.

The purpose of most bike lanes is not to benefit bicyclists but to get them out of the way of cars.

As with motor vehicle traffic, bike lanes should be traveling with vehicular direction on both sides of the road, not two-way paths on one side of the road. One has the only look at the abysmal Pelham Avenue to see this.

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18. Jack G. Quale - "Safe intersections are a priority"

 Jack G. Quale
9 months ago



Safe intersections are a priority

I do not live on Summit, but I've witnessed & been in a number of accidents on Summit (pedestrian/car, bike/pedestrian, bike/car, and car/car). The intersections need a better way for all citizens to cross without worry of being hit.

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19. Summit Neighbor - "Plow snow away from elevated bike paths"

 Summit Neighbor
2 months ago



Plow snow away from elevated bike paths

Current plowing on streets pushes snow onto the elevated paths and makes it harder to maintain. Can you reverse the direction of the plow to plow towards the center median instead so that it only accumulates in the center instead of where the paths would be?

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20. alison rasch - "Safety for bikes and peds"

 alison rasch
a month ago



Safety for bikes and peds

I would love to see all of us residents take a step back and look for solutions together to make Summit a safe place for everyone who calls this street home whether on a bike, walking/running or driving in a car. At a time when funding is already allocated for repairs on Summit, it makes good sense to rework the avenue. That is why I fully advocate that cars continue to have their own lanes, while bikes and pedestrians are also given access to their own lanes safely separated from moving and parked cars. The best option to avoid changing the character of the avenue and not harm trees is to modify existing sidewalks.

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21. Take in the Views - "Cars are great for getting places, not enjoying places"

 Take in the views
2 months ago



Cars are great for getting places, not enjoying places

I would say having safe ways for folks and families to experience summit from outside of a car is beautiful. I think the most beautiful experiences I've had have been when I'm not stuck in a car... let's all enjoy one of the most beautiful areas of our city and not relegate it to a gated community

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22. Bryan Lair - "Do a "complete sidewalk" on each side of Summit."

 **Bryan Lair**
7 days ago



Do a "complete sidewalk" on each side of Summit.

An adapted version of this picture could work up and down Summit. Instead you have the beautiful mansions, pedestrian sidewalks, tree line boulevards, single lane dedicated bicycle path, car parking, and then car lanes. Then do the same thing on the other side. This helps with the SOS concern published in The Villager about two way bike lanes on one side.



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23. BrynK - "Return of Bridal Path"

 **BrynK**
5 months ago



Return of Bridal Path

WARNING! Big Idea Alert!

I have lived on Summit Ave for 5+ years. My family of 7 is able to meet all of our needs without use of a vehicle. We have a vehicle for travel outside of our neighborhood, but its use is not necessary for all of our basic needs.

I would love to see the section of Summit with the parkway to return to having one side of the parkway as a bridal path with no car traffic. Residents with driveways on the bridal path would be allowed to drive on the bridal path area via permissioned access of retractable balusters to those sections of the road. The idea of retractable balusters could be used on the non-parkway section of Summit for allow traffic only at certain times of day.

Limiting the the vehicle traffic on Summit would make the avenue even more of a destination and a very enjoyable park like experience. It may even be possible with reduced or eliminated traffic to find a way for long stretches of Summit to be conducive to winter sports like nordic skiing.

I love cars and motorized traffic for getting places, but our streets are for building community, not for getting to point a or b as fast as possible. Good streets in an urban environment actually create some inefficiencies for car traffic so that the traffic slows down. Summit could be a great city example of what it looks like to focus on building our communities through street design vs. creating transportation efficiency that is always at odds in urban environments with community building.

This is a big idea, but I believe it can work if community members can be guided to understand the purpose of our city streets and how they are primarily meant to connect us to those closest in proximity to us. Our streets also provide a thoroughfare, but that is secondary to local connection.

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24. Bob MacNeal - "Pedestrian Bridges"

 **Bob MacNeal**
3 months ago



Pedestrian Bridges

I'd love to see small-scale pedestrian/bike bridges over the streets with the most treacherous vehicular traffic (e.g., Snelling, Lexington, and Hamline to name 3). Heated bridge decks could be incorporated to make for safer crossings and limited maintenance requirements during the winter months.



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25. Walks Summit Every Day Year Round - "Reopen Walnut Stairs"



Walks Summit Every Day Year Round
2 months ago



Reopen Walnut Stairs

Walkers and runners deserve to have this unique, historic & great exercise feature reopened.

Where are pedestrians in this planning effort?



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26. Summit Neighbor - "Re-design Street Summit E/W Cut Throughs to be a destination"



Summit Neighbor
2 months ago



Re-design Street Summit E/W Cut Throughs to be a destination

Close the left turn/u-turn throughs going North/South along Summit that connects the East/West Summit Ave to non-emergency vehicles and raise them for pedestrian crossings and make it a destination. Add benches, water fountains, bike parking, and plant new trees around the edges. Still let emergency vehicles have access but this could be a very easy way to gain layout space on the design for a better parkway without compromising safety for pedestrians and emergency personnel. No one can complain that parking was taken away this way.

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27. Summit Neighbor - "Priority crossings at major roads"



Summit Neighbor
2 months ago



Priority crossings at major roads

Please make on-demand crossing available along major crossings like Cretin, Snelling, Hamline, Lexington, etc.

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/25796>

28. Summit Neighbor - Add public restrooms, shade, and water fountains at Chestnut Plaza



Summit Neighbor
2 months ago



Add public restrooms, shade, and water fountains at Chestnut Plaza

It will be hard to use this whole trail without public restrooms available along the corridor. Please add them where it makes sense, like Chestnut Plaza. Please also add water fountains to fill water bottles and keep people hydrated and shade to protect people from the heat during the summer.

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<https://engagestpaul.org/summit/brainstormers/ideas/ideas/25801>

29. Ryan S - "The very first block of Summit has been completely ignored. This is an opportunity to return Summit Park to its historic design as well"

 Ryan S
2 months ago

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The very first block of Summit has been completely ignored. This is an opportunity to return Summit Park to its historic design as well

Do not forget 100 Block of Summit Avenue

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30. MR, StP since 2008 - "#1 priority: reducing risk of death, injury, and collisions via design and on-going maintenance (snow removal)"

 MR, StP since 2008
3 months ago

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#1 priority: reducing risk of death, injury, and collisions via design and on-going maintenance (snow removal)

The design and maintenance of the space we travel in contributes to our chances of getting hurt while we travel, no matter how we are traveling.

People have died while using Summit. "St. Paul started tracking bicycle and pedestrian crash data in 2016. During that time, 19 of about 700 bicycle and pedestrian crashes citywide were recorded on Summit. Fourteen resulted in injuries, and 10 sent the pedestrian or bicyclist to the hospital."
<https://www.startribune.com/after-fatal-crash-a-push-for-bicycle-and-pedestrian-safety-on-summit-avenue/485173331/>

There are always other factors, i.e. impaired driver, or blind spots created by vehicle design, but this is an opportunity to reduce the risk associated with the design of the space we are traveling in and how well it is maintained.

I'm not an expert in what things reduce the chances of collisions and injuries the most, but I know the City has people on staff who are experts in this. Please use design practices that have evidence of improving safety, and decreasing injury, the most, and ***share that data*** along with your proposals to the public.

After the design phase, once people are using it, all the surfaces people travel should get plowed. I want my tax dollars to clear the road for the cars, for the bikes, and for the pedestrians! This makes going out into the community safer for everyone.

I know people have a lot of other concerns and priorities, but I think the #1 priority for our tax dollars, when it comes to the city changing and maintaining our infrastructure, should be so that it does it best to reduce our risk to injury.

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31. MR, StP since 2008 - "Add electric car charging stations along Summit or 1 street over"

 MR, StP since 2008
3 months ago

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Add electric car charging stations along Summit or 1 street over

There are a lot of renters who live near Summit. Plug in electric vehicles are a good way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and are also largely inaccessible to renters. I am a renter who lives near Summit. I need a new car, and there is no way in heck I am going to get my landlord to do the electrical work I would need done to charge a car.

If there is going to be a lot of construction anyway, we should add these in.

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32. MR, StP since 2008 - "bathroom facilities"

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bathroom facilities

I think there should be public bathroom facilities somewhere along Summit, Maybe at one of the two parks near the University Club/Ramsey Hill? Public bathroom facilities would be appropriate given the number of people who use this space, and they would make the space accessible for folks who have an urgent, unpredictable need for a bathroom (which will be all of us, at some point).

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33. Paul C - "Reduce cars, not trees"

 Paul C
a month ago



Reduce cars, not trees

I commute by both car and bike along Summit.

The bike line isn't particularly safe. It's often *far* too close to parked cars. (I once had a very close call near Lexington! The driver screamed as a screeched to a stop within inches of the car door she'd opened suddenly without looking.) The bike lane is often obstructed by a dumpster or service vehicle. And the bike lane is riddled with potholes.

I love the idea of providing a better bike corridor! But:

- The trees are the best thing about Summit! If you're going to remove something, don't make it trees!

- Runners like the soft surface of the existing median, which protects against impact stress injuries. If you pave over the existing dirt path, a new desire path will form.

What about reducing space dedicated to *cars* instead of reducing space dedicated to *trees*? For example, we could eliminate street parking as needed to create protected bike lanes. Or we could make Summit a one-way for cars, dedicating the other side entirely to bicycles. Other creative possibilities abound.

Summit is not particularly necessary as a car route. I say this as somebody who makes his daily commute along that corridor, usually by car! Grand, Marshall, and St. Clair are all perfectly good driving alternatives. Keep the green, expand the bikeway, let the cars use the more car-centric streets.

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34. Bruce - "So i tried to watch the "fly over of Summit" video."

 Bruce
a year ago



So i tried to watch the "fly over of Summit" video. What was the point of the slow suspenseful music. It was VERY annoying.

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35. Meridith - "Make the sidewalks, bike paths, and road heated"

 Meridith
3 months ago



Make the sidewalks, bike paths, and road heated

Snow and ice are a safety hazard for everyone who travels via Summit. Road salt and sand damage water quality, plants, cars, and bikes. Snow plows burn gas, releasing green house gas emissions, and are labor intensive. Salt, sand, and plows don't do a great job, either. Sufficient, but not good enough.

We should use this redevelopment of Summit as an opportunity to install heated sidewalks, bike lanes, and roadways. It will make Summit Ave consistently safer, improve our environment, and help slow down global warming.

<https://environment.umn.edu/education/susteducation/pathways-to-renewable-energy/snow-free-winter-roads-and-sidewalks/>

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36. Meridith - "Snow clearing - make sure its easy to remove snow from the bike lanes and that the dept has enough of the proper equipment"

 Meridith
a month ago

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Snow clearing - make sure its easy to remove snow from the bike lanes and that the dept has enough of the proper equipment

Whatever the final design is, I want to make sure that it is easy for workers to clear it in the winter and that these folks have the proper equipment and enough equipment for years to come. They should be involved in the design discussion so that they can give input on if a particular design will present snow-clearing issues or will be easier to keep clear relative to other designs. If the bike lane is physically separated from the road somehow (likely) Public Works won't be able to use their road plows. Do they have enough of the smaller, bike lane sized snow clearers? I'm not even sure this is what they use, but whatever they use I want it to be as easy as possible for Public Works to do its job. Do Public Works people have an opinion on various kinds of separate bike trails and what is easiest for them to maintain? This is an important safety consideration. The bike lane design should be a design that is easy to maintain for years to come.

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37. Summit Neighbor - "Add benches along Summit median"

 Summit Neighbor
2 months ago

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Add benches along Summit median

My wife and I love sitting on the grass in the middle of Summit and have picnics with takeout or our own food. Please consider adding benches along the regional trail to allow people to rest as they enjoy this space.

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38. Summit Neighbor - "On street parking permits"

 Summit Neighbor
2 months ago

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On street parking permits

Coupling parking permits so that parking is more available for local residents after removing parking for 2 way bike path will help prevent the issue of people parking on the street when they have a driveway or garage and allow people who rely on on-street parking to have access to it over someone who is visiting.

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39. JustForFun - "Save our trees (and dogs)"

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Save our trees (and dogs)



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40. JustForFun - "I pay for that parking!"



I pay for that parking

So now I hear that they have measured overnight parking on Summit and found that is light. We really don't need those spaces. Can we get a count of over-night bicycling? Or, how about winter cycling? Are you telling me that our elderly visitors for Christmas dinner will have to walk blocks for a bike trail no one is using? I do believe that the taxes we pay on Summit entitle us to some guest parking. And, let me also mention, I live near the Uptown AA meeting house. The AA's are providing a vital service to people in our community. People going to meetings park up and down both sides of Summit, and I think that's great. More power to them. Where do you want them to go?



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41. Matthew - "Multi use park!"



Multi use park!

Seems like people don't have enough of an imagination. This road being in disrepair has re-routed most traffic to parallel arterial roads, why go back? Remove cars from the river road to Lexington entirely and turn it into a multi use park. Plant more trees and green space. Have a real dedicated bike path and real dedicated foot path. Remove all but the arterial intersections, taking the avenue away from cars and back to the community. It will connect the surrounding areas better, revitalize the area, and be more enjoyable for everyone. Do the same surrounding the capital on John Ireland to Kellogg. People are barely ever using these roads even in rush-hour. Take back the space!



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42. Tallah - "Buy the 2 awful little pastel colored homes on Victoria/Summit at any price and make a little green area with benches. They are HORRIBLE."



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They do not meet historical guidelines for Summit architecture



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