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To: Don Ness; Council

Subject: Bike lanes on Superior St

Some thoughts on proposed Downtown bike lanes if I may.

I found myself biting my lip tonight as I watched more than one Superior St bike lane opponent describe biking in Duluth as "a 5 month activity". That statement is about as ridiculous as when Filby Williams tried to justify the cross country ski trail project above Grand Ave by saying the buffer agreement applies to down hill skiing and the parking lot, but not cross country trails!! I golf and I bike. Nemadji golf course advertises their season as running from May 1 to Nov 1, and sometimes they open early, that's at least a 6 month season, and I'll guarantee you my biking season is longer than my golf season. I usually bike from April into Nov until it gets icy, closer to 8 months. Hopefully they didn't pull the wool over your eyes, I can only assume that was their intent.

Also heard business people pushing the idea of diagonal parking. I live on the Point, and drive through Canal Park daily. Rarely do I make that 3 or 4 block stretch without stopping and waiting for someone to back out of a diagonal spot. Backing out of these spots is nearly impossible, as you can't see oncoming traffic until you have the lane partially blocked. Not only a safety issue, but would hinder the flow of traffic on Superior St in my opinion!!

As far as bike lanes on Michigan St goes, I can't say I agree with that either. I don't drive downtown often, but when I do, I usually park on Michigan St and walk up to Superior St. If you're going to put bike lanes on Michigan St, because of lack of room, one would think all the parking spots on Michigan would be eliminated. Kind of a case of "robbing Peter to pay Paul"!!! Are we at the point where people can't park their car and walk up one block?? Thanks for listening, looking forward to replies.

Jim Rogers.

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