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To: Council

Cc: Don Ness

Subject: Downtown bike lanes

Councilors,

I see the subject of downtown bike lanes is scheduled to be discussed at tonight's meeting. As near as I can tell, the majority seems to favor bike lanes downtown, so I'll concentrate on where's the best location.

I've heard Superior, Michigan, and First street mentioned as possible routes. From what I can tell, the problem we're trying to solve is the safety of bikers and motorists on Superior St. The arguments I've heard for First and Michigan, assuming those routes are feasible, and they're not, is it will take bike traffic off of Superior St. Neither of those routes will, and you'll still have the same problem on Superior St. Bikers who commute to work will still ride on Superior St, those who patronize businesses on Superior St will still ride on Superior St, and you'll have the same problem you have now.

As far as Michigan St goes, I don't even see where that idea is even feasible. There's always big trucks pulled over loading and unloading, there's many loading zones along that stretch, far too many obstacles and not enough room.

As far as First St goes, I'm sorry but that's just not Duluth's "crown jewel"!! People, myself included, at times, don't even feel safe up there.

Superior St is the logical choice, no matter where you put the lanes, people will still ride along Superior St. Might as well kill two birds with one stone!!

Thanks,

Jim Rogers

PS

I hope you all read the editorial in a recent issue of the DNT. It was from a concerned citizen who was writing in support of bike lanes along Superior St. This particular person was NOT a biker, but a motorist who was concerned about safety with bikers riding along Superior St with no lanes. Point is, not only bikers support lanes on Superior St, but other residents do as well!!!

Sent from my iPhone: J.R.