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Dear Beltrami Neighbor,

Last month work began at the intersection of Fillmore Street and Spring Street to construct a miniature traffic circle as part of the Presidents Bike Boulevard. Because of the feedback received to me from community members, and businesses stakeholders, I requested that the Public Works Department put the construction on hold in order to engage the community in a discussion about the design of the intersection, and meet the needs of neighborhood.

The design discussion will take a few months, the first step in the construction hiatus is to prepare for winter in order to accommodate all vehicles including snow plows, semis, fire trucks, and school buses, and they are able to pass through during the winter months.

Public Works crews will be filling the hole with **temporary concrete and gravel. Crews will also place a test miniature traffic circle, in order to evaluate concerns, including parking, and truck, school bus access. This will be a test and temporary measure, and will have temporary traffic posts and yield signs. Parking will not be removed as part of the test. The test does not mean the traffic circle will be permanent, or that any parking will be removed.**

On Wednesday, November 13, at 6:30 pm at the Beltrami Park building, Council Member Hofstede, and Public Works, will be meeting with neighbors to have a discussion about the design options. A range of options (see pages 3 thru 6 of this letter for some initial ideas) will be presented and your feedback will be sought.

We will notify the community by distributing the area with flyers on the date and location for this meeting. Please help us distribute this information, by emailing and talking with your neighbors.

At this meeting, city & neighborhood goals will be discussed. Our goals are to maintain and increase the vitality of the intersection, maintain parking, as a valuable asset for the business and



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residents of the intersection. Semi movement is necessary for the operation of Minnesota Metal, and school bus movement is also needed for transporting children to and from school.

Another community and city goal is to keep the Presidents Bike Boulevard bicycle route on Fillmore Street, which will lead to destinations outside of the Beltrami neighborhood like Northeast Park and the Stone Arch Bridge. Removing the north-south stop signs and keeping Fillmore Street slow and safe for our children and pedestrians are our goals with the neighborhood.

We welcome any questions, concerns or suggestions about the upcoming meeting in order to make changes to the intersection, as well as, any feedback about the options on pages 3 thru 6. Please call or email me at 612-673-2203, diane.hofstede@minneapolismn.gov, or Shaun Murphy with Public Works at 612-673-3166, shaun.murphy@minneapolismn.gov. You can also visit the Presidents Bike Boulevard website at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles/projects/Stone-Arch-Bridge-Presidents>.

Thank you for your patience and your engagement in making our community safer and more pedestrian, bike, and business friendly by making improvements in the area that the community supports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Hofstede". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

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Initial Options for Fillmore & Spring Intersection



Brick traffic circle with a planter in the middle (Via Martiri Patrioti Barziesi. Barzio. Italy)



Painted traffic circle (United Kingdom)



Rubber traffic circle



Brick and/or painted traffic circle with Beltrami sign in the middle

Traffic circle with sculpture of Geocomo Beltrami, namesake of the neighborhood



Paint the pavement (34th Street E & 19th Avenue S, Minneapolis)



Paint the pavement
(Portland, OR)



Speed bumps with pass-thru areas for large semis and emergency vehicles