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Director Steven Kotke
Minneapolis Public Works
350 S. 5th St., Room 203
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Re: Proposed Bikeway on 31st Street

Dear Mr. Kotke,

We understand the City of Minneapolis is proposing a new Bikeway on East 31st Street between Bloomington and Hiawatha Avenues.

As the administrator of South High school, along with one of the lead members of our Green Tigers Group here at South, we would like to express our interest and enthusiasm regarding this project.

As you may be aware, Minneapolis Public no longer provides daily bus service for high school students. Since that change, we have had a tremendous increase in students biking to South High from throughout the community. We have in the past, and continue to, work closely with the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization in regards to issues that directly affect the neighborhood and the South High community. We know CNO hosted a March 5 public meeting for the project, attended by 15 residents and Public Works staff. This letter is in support of CNO in the efforts and well researched proposal for the proposed bikeway.

We fully agree with CNO's recommendations of postponing the eastmost portion and using allocated resources to connect to the Midtown Greenway since the groundbreaking of development at 2225 East Lake and 3100 Hiawatha is imminent.

As part of the Corcoran community, we are proud to be partners with the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization and look forward to working with them and the City of Minneapolis to make the bikeway a reality in the near future.

Sincerely,

Ray Aponte, Principal
South High

Sofia Everetts, Student Representative
Green Tigers of South High

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