

To: Minneapolis City Council
Minneapolis Public Works

From: Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Date: May 2, 2018

Subject: Collaborative Safety Strategies.

Collaborative Safety Strategies

The Pedestrian Advisory Committee supports the City of Minneapolis' \$350,000 investment in Collaborative Safety Strategies to fund innovative ideas from the community that interrupt patterns of violence or criminal behavior along four of our busiest pedestrian corridors.

Personal safety and perception of safety is the foundation required to build a walkable city. At the same time, in our diverse city, safety means different things to different individuals and communities.

We are excited at the potential, given adequate resources, for Collaborative Safety Strategies to:

- Not only effectively deter crime, but create a positive sense of community and belonging
- Create a sense of safety while saving taxpayer money (police are expensive!)
- Decriminalize the use of sidewalks and streets- public space- for communities of color
- Increase the desirability of walking