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Subj: Mississippi River Trail and No Parking zones

Dear Resident:

For two decades the cities of Anoka and Ramsey have been working toward a trail connecting our two communities south of Hwy's #10 & #169. A couple of years ago Ramsey and Anoka successfully collaborated in applying for Federal funding for this trail that will emanate from Anoka's Mississippi Community Park, across approximately one-mile of King's Island to Ramsey's side, then 'up the hill' to the terminus of Rivlyn Avenue. This trail will be part of a larger system of trails that will extend west to Mississippi West Regional Park, ultimately across the highway to the COR and eventually to the City of Elk River and beyond.

In addition to the many destinations this trail will connect, most notably are parks and open spaces. Below is an aerial view of the 80-acre King's Island (east of Rivlyn Avenue) to provide an example of but one of the park spaces this trail will provide immediate access to.



The trail when completed will allow you and your family to safely access miles of biking and amenities and at the same time give you choices in mobility other than in an auto. Further, the trail will measurably improve your property's value - if not

monetarily, then at least in terms of pedestrian access to recreation and areas beyond your neighborhood.

As mentioned above, Ramsey secured \$388,000 in Federal funding to supplement the Park Trust fund for construction of the Mississippi River Trail. The trail will be built and available to you before the end of 2013.

When the funding was applied for, the City was aware that No Parking would be needed along *one side* of Rivlyn Avenue, Tungsten Street and a segment of Riverdale Drive - until such time a separated trail or sidewalk may be built. (The City would need to narrow the streets in these areas to provide for the separated trail, which will be examined later in 2013.) However, during the engineering for this project and the preparation of the plans and specifications for Federal approval, it was learned that on-street bike lanes will be required in both directions on the west 1,300' feet of Riverdale, and also Tungsten Street, and therefore, a No Parking condition will need to be implemented in these areas.

Attached is an exhibit that shows in red the area that will serve as on-street bike lanes and covered by the No Parking restrictions on one, or both sides of these city streets. It is my sincere hope that any inconvenience to you from the No Parking zones is far offset by the value and convenience this new trail in your neighborhood brings.

Also enclosed with this letter is an exhibit that shows the larger scope of the Mississippi River Trail within Ramsey.

Please call on me for additional detail or questions at 763 238 1733 or at [mrivərblood@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:mrivərblood@ci.ramsey.mn.us) . Thank you for your time, attention, and hopefully your enthusiasm for the new trail connections coming to your neighborhood.

Yours in Public Service,



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