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Hello,

I had planned to speak in person at today's Board of Public Works meeting but learned that I have another meeting this morning at 10. So I am emailing my comments at the last minute.

I would like to note that one of the intersections listed in the Finding and Order to install four-way stops - 2nd Street South and Jay Street - is part of a special bike infrastructure project approved by the state several years ago and, I believe, still being planned for completion.

A protected bike lane is supposed to be coming to 2nd Street (I'm sorry I can't find the link at this moment). As the first of its kind and a model for future safe bicycle design, it's important that this project not be diluted or diminished. One of the top considerations in infrastructure that promotes and encourages bicycling for those of all ages and abilities is direct, fast routing. This includes as few "jogs" as possible and as few stops as possible. (See <https://dutchcycling.nl/en/news/blog/5-design-principles-for-successful-bicycle-infrastructure>)

I would ask that you hold out the 2nd and Jay intersection at this time until you determine the effect a four-way stop here will have on the bicycle project. Given that a dedicated bicycle lane will effectively reduce the width of motorized roadway for pedestrians, stop signs only at 2nd on Jay, might provide effective pedestrian protection while preserving an important feature of this special dedicated bicycle lane.

Again, since this project provides a model of safer, more accessible and supportive bike infrastructure, whatever can be done to ensure it is as well done as possible will be helpful not just to this project but for similar future projects.

If I find the link I will send it. Otherwise, Jack Zabrowski should have the documentation.

Thank you.

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