

Addenda
Minnetonka City Council Meeting
Meeting of January 4, 2021

ITEM 14A – Resolution for the Excelsior Boulevard Trail – Phase II (Kinsel Road to I-494)

The attached correspondence was received after distribution of the packet.



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TO: City Council
FROM: Phil Olson, City Engineer
DATE: Jan. 4, 2021
SUBJECT: Change Memo for Jan. 4, 2021 City Council Meeting

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The following emailed public comments were received after the distribution of the packet.

From: Luke Van Santen <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 11:57 AM

To: Brad Wiersum; Bradley Schaeppi; Rebecca Schack; Brian Kirk; Deborah Calvert; Kissy Coakley; Susan Carter

Cc: Carol HejIStone

Subject: Excelsior Boulevard Trail Phase II Resolution

Mayor and Council members -

Just a short note to pass along my hope that tonight you will all vote in favor of the subject resolution. The Phase I portion of the Excelsior Boulevard Trail has been a pleasure to ride as I travel between Hopkins and Glen Lake and having this section (including the enhanced crossing(s) infrastructure) completed as well will make it even better!

With thanks,

Luke Van Santen
2148 Sheridan Hills Rd

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From: City of Minnetonka, MN
To: Kyle Salage
Subject: *NEW SUBMISSION* City council and EDA email comments
Date: Friday, January 1, 2021 2:18:34 PM

City council and EDA email comments

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Comment

Dear Minnetonka Mayor and City Council, I am very grateful for the completion of the Excelsior Boulevard Trail - Phase I. It has made our neighborhood so much more walkable and has greatly increased our walking and cycling access to downtown Hopkins, Shady Oak Lake - basically everything to the south and east of the home we have owned and lived in since 2004. The dedicated trail is so much safer. Thus, I support and look forward to the completion of Phase II so we can be similarly linked to the Glen Lake area shops, restaurants and trails. For years before the trail was built, I ran along Excelsior Blvd during all seasons - winter and spring being the most treacherous. Depending upon snow removal and soil conditions, sometimes I had to skirt the edge of the pavement for stable footing and it was just too close to the fast-moving cars to be safe, much less enjoyable. I cannot count how many times I was sprayed by rainwater or slush. All that is history! Our closest neighbors have commented about how nice the trail is and how it helps us to more safely make a loop from Berkshire around Junction Park and back along Excelsior. We still have to navigate Baker Road, but word is that might be addressed soon too. I'm generally on portions of the trail 3-5 times a week. Thus, to top it off, I was super delighted when the snow was removed this week - so happy. Thank you for your work to make Minnetonka a more walkable, cyclable community! Sincerely, Christine Davis