



North Minneapolis Temporary Greenway: Summary Report of Resident Feedback

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Executive Summary

Between April 26, 2016, and July 31, 2016, the City of Minneapolis received 220 comments regarding the North Minneapolis temporary greenway. A wide range of resident feedback was submitted including support for the project, opposition to the project, specific concerns, suggestions for improvements and clarifying questions. A full transcript of all comments submitted to the City is included in this report. Quotations were used to indicate the verbatim feedback received from resident emails and voicemails and live phone or in-person conversations. Comments not in quotations reflect summaries of comments as heard by City staff. Each resident comment received was listed along with the date received as well as a “Yes”, “No”, or “Unknown” indicating whether a resident self-identified as living or owning property along the temporary greenway route (3000 – 3500 blocks of Irving Avenue North). City staff reviewed each comment and removed any personal identifying information, including names, home addresses and phone numbers.

Feedback opportunities

Residents are able to provide feedback and report issues concerning the temporary greenway in any of the following ways:

- Contacting Minneapolis 311 (call 612-673-3000 if outside Minneapolis city limits).
- Emailing the Minneapolis Health Department at healthyliving@minneapolismn.gov.
- Filling out comment cards located in informational kiosks at either end of the route.
- Completing an online comment card via a link on the Northside Greenway project [website](#).
- Sharing feedback directly with City staff at community events.

The City will continue to collect feedback via these mechanisms and share summary reports with the community, starting with this report and quarterly thereafter. City staff also regularly update a Frequently Asked Questions document, which is available on the North Minneapolis greenway project [website](#), and send out bi-monthly newsletters containing project updates via mail and email.

Overview of resident feedback received

Of the 220 comments submitted, **87 comments** were from residents living or owning property on the temporary greenway, and **26 comments** were from residents not living or owning property on the temporary greenway, and **107 comments** were from residents who did not indicate if they live or own property on the temporary greenway. Residents utilized all forms of feedback mechanisms offered by the City as summarized below:

- **33 comments** submitted via email
- **67 comments** submitted via phone call
- **32 comments** submitted via comment card
- **21 comments** submitted via online comment card and Minneapolis Health Department Facebook
- **67 comments** submitted via direct conversation with City staff at five community events including the temporary greenway Assembly Party at Folwell Park (June 7), the temporary greenway Paint-the-Pavement event (June 11), a Northside Greenway Council meeting (June 14), the Folwell Resource Fair (June 16) and the temporary greenway Grand Opening (June 26).

Residents were not required to provide their name or other identifying information when submitting comments via any of the feedback methods described above. A single resident could anonymously

submit comments in multiple ways, such as by phone call, email, comment card and in-person. As a result, it is impossible for the City to report the number of unique comments submitted, an unduplicated count of commenters, or the number of proponents and opponents of the project. Throughout the remainder of the temporary greenway pilot, City staff will use a survey process to gather reliable information from residents who live along the temporary greenway.

Examples of positive impacts observed along the temporary greenway route

- More children playing outside and riding bikes.
- Less garbage on streets and in yards.
- Reduced noise from cars and people.
- More meetings and interactions with neighbors.
- Safer and easier connection between parks.
- Less and slower car traffic.
- More welcoming places for families to gather.
- Nice to have picnic tables to eat outside.
- Perceived positive impact on property values.

Examples of concerns with the temporary greenway

- Children playing in traffic lanes.
- Access issues for seniors and those with disabilities.
- Narrow traffic lanes; cars driving close to parked cars.
- People in cars speeding in alleys; cars getting blocked and hit in alleys.
- Feeling unsafe in the alley at night.
- Loss of parking in front of homes and in general.
- More garbage on some blocks.
- Confusing signs and difficult crossing at Lowry Ave.
- Low visibility of “No Turns” signs.
- Crosswalk signs in road make turning off Irving difficult.
- Painted pavement isn’t coordinated with homes.
- Fear of negative impact on property values.

Some comments received from residents reflected concerns that had already been raised and addressed during initial planning and installation of the temporary greenway, or reflected a lack of information about aspects of the greenway. For example, a number of comments mentioned a concern for residents needing access to Metro Mobility and handicap parking spaces. These issues were either pre-identified through community engagement efforts and planned for in advance of the temporary greenway installation or identified during installation and resolved through direct communication with affected residents. Other comments mentioned concerns about emergency vehicles being able to access houses along the temporary greenway route. This important issue was pre-identified and planned for in advance of the greenway installation and appropriate emergency personnel were consulted throughout the installation to make adjustments as needed. All emergency vehicles – including police, fire, and emergency medical services – are able to access all five blocks of the temporary greenway route.

As comments were received and City staff identified concerns that had already been addressed or reflected misconceptions, additional information was included and in a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document that was made available online and communicated to residents in a variety of ways.

Examples of suggestions for improvement of the temporary greenway

- Add more litter receptacles to help with trash.
- Add stop sign or other traffic calming features at Lowry Ave.
- Add wooden rocking chairs or gliders.
- Add more amenities such as art and basketball hoops.
- Install speed bumps in alleys.
- Modify some blocks: allow for one-way traffic + parking + bike lane.
- Add signage or pavement markings for bike boulevards.

Response to resident feedback

As a result of residents' feedback, the City has made the following adjustments along the route:

- Adjusted placement of crosswalk signs to provide more space for cars to pass through and turn.
- Moved traffic barriers to better accommodate emergency and service vehicles.
- Moved flower planters closer to curbs to allow for wider traffic lanes.
- Removed hammocks on the 3500 block.
- Trimmed two trees and lowered two "No Turns" signs on the northern end of the 3400 block to improve visibility.
- Installed additional litter receptacles on the 3000 and 3500 blocks and are in the process of installing additional receptacles on the 3300 and 3400 blocks. Added a second day of trash pick-up each week (litter receptacles on the route will now be emptied by the City twice per week).
- Worked with Metro Mobility and Minneapolis Public Schools to fix specific resident access issues.
- Anchored fixtures that were previously being moved by children to accommodate play.
- Installed two additional "night watch" lights in each alley along the temporary greenway route.

The City acknowledges that residents' concerns with some aspects of the temporary greenway, such as reduced parking, cannot be easily addressed due to the very nature and intent of a greenway, which is to prioritize space for people to walk and bike over people in motorized vehicles. The goal of the temporary installation is to test various greenway conditions and better understand residents' experiences living with such compromises. The City will continue to carefully consider all feedback from residents and use the information to make adjustments as well as long-term decisions.

2015 resident feedback

In addition to comments contained in this report, a previously published summary of resident comments regarding the design of the temporary greenway project (gathered during the summer of 2015) is available on the North Minneapolis temporary greenway project website:

<http://minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@health/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-144820.xml>.

Date Received	Lives or owns property on temporary greenway?	Resident feedback
4/26/2016	Yes	"I live at 32xx Irving. Where the hell do you guys get that this is a low-traffic area? There's cars parked up and down here. There must be a couple hundred. And you want to plan a greenway? You dumbasses."
4/27/2016	Unknown	Resident owns 26 properties in N Mpls since 2008. Very active person, too. He stated that people are not active in north Minneapolis. He doesn't see people running, biking. If it is for current residents, then this is a giant waste of money. If this is for future residents, then it's a good use of money. North Minneapolis will likely be changing over next 20 years. It's already hard to drive around North Minneapolis, and this would just make it harder. He think it's a waste of time, money. It's his sense that those bikes [Nice Ride bicycles] don't get used at all. He's curious how much those bikes get used compared to other places in the city. People in North Minneapolis don't bike, run, roller blade. People don't use the parks as is. North Commons is an example. People don't use Farview either. No one sleds, people don't use them. He has 5 houses on Irving. He would hate every minute of it. Better to spend money on turn lanes. Garbage is an immense problem too.
4/29/2016	Unknown	"What has been, or will be the permitting process for the Greenway? Since the City of Minneapolis owns the streets and there is a process for issuing encroachment permits - what does that process look like for the greenway? The root of the question is can a Department of the City of Minneapolis create and impose a project that selectively disfranchises some residents but not all others? Was there, or will there be a City Council action required for this project to go forward?"
5/16/2016	Yes	Lives on ___ block of Irving Ave. Left a message concerned about alley access for Metro Mobility.
5/20/2016	Yes	Resident lives at ___ Irving Ave N and was concerned about resident access to designated handicap parking spaces. She received the recent City mailing, but couldn't tell by the map whether or not the planned bump outs would interfere with handicap parking. She also wanted to make sure that Metro Mobility would be able to still access homes to pick up when needed. Finally, she asked if there would be increased monitoring/enforcement to make sure that, given the reduced parking, other people wouldn't be parking in designated handicap spaces.
5/25/2016	Unknown	"How come it's not called the Humboldt Greenway project anymore?"
5/25/2016	Yes	"When did this plan come about? What happened to half and half? I did not have an opportunity to give input on this plan. It greatly reduces accessibility to my home and will cause substantial issues for me. I was ok with the half and half, but not this. Seriously, when did this change occur? I didn't see this plan at the last meeting I attended which was in February or March. I am very unhappy about this change. After literally YEARS of being asked for and giving feedback on full versus half-and-half greenway plans, this plan seems to come out of nowhere. For most residents, it's even more disruptive than the half and half. I and many of my neighbors on Irving feel that our feedback has been disregarded, or drowned out by others who are not personally affected and some that do not even live on the Northside."

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5/27/2016	Yes	"Just to put it out there, there have been more than one gang living off and on in the 3200 block of Irving Ave N. so making a place for people to gather may be a problem. (This has been brought up before but is still a little scary coming in). There have been police visits and guns going off in the last month even. Thanks for listening, I know your project is a very big one and you are doing your best. Sorry, one more thing, every once in a while people leave stolen cars on the street and yesterday someone left a bike leaning up against my house. This is why I am leery. Thanks again for listening. Thank you for your response. Just to put it out there, I don't expect a response. We had two gun shots at 1:00 in the morning on Wednesday night. The activity seems to happen most often between two addresses on the block."
5/31/2016	Unknown	"I am interested in helping put final touches on the North side Greenway. Please advise how I may get involved."
5/31/2016	Yes	Resident called to ask about the temporary No Parking signs that were posted along her block (with no dates or explanation for the no parking rules). She lives at ___ Irving Ave and called in previously to ask about disability parking. This time, she was unhappy about the lack of notice about the temporary no parking rules on her bike boulevard block and concerned about having to find parking on her block on short notice, especially disability parking.
5/31/2016	Yes	Resident asked if he would be allowed to use the vacant lot across his alley for extra parking as he was concerned about limited parking created by the full greenway block. The resident also asked about access for a commercial vehicle delivery scheduled for that week. He also said that his garbage wasn't picked up (he had placed it on an elevated section near his garage; he will go back to putting it in the normal place even though that is inconvenient for him now due to having to park in front of his garage. He mentioned that he is happy that the Greenway project is moving forward and realizes that there will be some adjustments that residents need to make initially.
6/1/2016	Yes	Caller feels very upset that they live on the ___ block of Irving Ave. They were not able to drive on their street at all today. From what they were told, they thought that the residents would have access to park in front of their own homes during this project but the street signs and barriers say no traffic except bikes. The Funeral home at Lowry and Irving Ave N uses the street for overflow parking so they are concerned that this will be an issue also. Caller thinks that they were misinformed and thinks that there could be a better solution for those who need to park by their own homes in the area.
6/2/2016	Unknown	Caller was unhappy with the road closures in the area of 34th & Irving for the Greenway Demonstration. She had a lot of difficulty getting around and finding somewhere to park by her home.
6/2/2016	Yes	Resident lives at ___ Irving; Resident thinks 'it's a bad idea... ridiculous'. There are no bikers on Irving. He's drives Fremont (bike blvd) every day and has never seen a biker. Also wanted to specifically thank us (sarcastically) for making a ___ yr old man have to walk a block to find parking.
6/2/2016	Yes	I'm a homeowner at ___ Irving Ave N. The permanent no parking signs were put up on my block today with a sign right in the middle of my lot frontage. I'm not opposed to the permanent signs but I would request that the signs, including mine, be moved closer to the property lines and not right in front of one property owner's house. Let me know what I need to do to remedy this situation.

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6/2/2016	Yes	<p>"Sarah, I'm sure you, as a "Senior Health Specialist," would agree to the importance of sound sleep. Well, unfortunately as a direct result of "Northside Greenway" preparation, someone made the decision to spray paint the street at 2:00 a.m. (35th & Irving No), which totally prohibited sound sleep. My husband was displeased and told them to "knock it off." One person in the crew said, "this is the only time we can do it." I had voiced my concerns many times during the entire decision process to go ahead with this wasteful, disruptive and useless project. I was becoming more hopeful recently finding out my street is not closed to parking (huge concern) and continued to hope this wasteful project would have little impact on my daily life. I was wrong. My street was not resurfaced because of the greenway project, but, I was assessed just as much as someone on a block who received new tar in front of their street. I'm really don't expect things to be fair, but, as a 50 year taxpayer, I don't expect to get the shaft (especially under the pretense all of this is good for me). No one to date has helped me in any way to understand the value of this project. I have received dozens of undated "Dear resident," letters that say the same thing over and over. I'm hopeful someone will come forward to ease my urge to just pick up and move. Check out what the real issue is in our community [included picture of community newspaper with headline re: increase gun violence in the neighborhood]. Who really believes this vision? [included picture of full greenway rendering]. Why would the greenway be right next to 27 acres of beautiful Folwell Park?"</p>
6/3/2016	Unknown	<p>Resident is upset at the test closure and feels it's stupid. Now buses and cars can't go through and will cause issues for everyone. He just wanted to log a complaint.</p>
6/3/2016	Yes	<p>Caller lives near ___ Irving Ave N and wants to complain about the North Minneapolis Greenway. Caller said the plans will prevent parking near the homes. Caller is particularly concerned about handicapped parking and access for people who have to park near their homes.</p>
6/4/2016	Yes	<p>Resident lives at ___ Irving Ave N. Caller is complaining about this project . There are orange cones at the end of the street blocking the street to traffic. Caller is concerned about resident access to designated handicap parking spaces. Caller is also concerned about the "no left turn" on to Lowry and this has never been mentioned in any of the literature she has received about this project. She needs to take a left on to Lowry from Irving to get to work.</p>
6/5/2016	No	<p>Resident lives at ___ Humboldt Ave N. "I LOVE this greenway plan. I would love to see the route continue on Humboldt Ave north at 41st to 44th instead of having it zig-zag onto Irving. I am a homeowner on ___ and Humboldt. This route would make a direct bike ride/walk to the new Library!! I can't wait for it to be completed! Thanks for all your hard work. So many great neighbors in this area, and the more great people out and about, the less riff-raff will find it appealing. That is my hope."</p>
6/5/2016	Unknown	<p>This is ____. I am calling about the new Greenway on 35th and Irving and I thought I would take a ride on Irving and it is very difficult to get across Lowry. It is ridiculous how long it takes to get across Lowry. We need to control the traffic at this light and I am surprised they did not fix the potholes before putting this in. If you want to call to discuss, my number is ____.</p>
6/6/2016	Unknown	<p>Caller is a biker and he loves the idea. It creates a safe environment for bikers.</p>

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6/6/2016	No	Lowry and Irving: It's a piece of crap. Enough is enough of this nonsense. There is a sign at the bottom of the hill on Irving that says I can't go left? That makes no sense! I have to go four blocks out of the way to make a loop. You have people blocking the area and people parking where they have no business parking. There are also people parking so far away from the curb that it makes it impossible to pass. This was not a part of the disclosure when this thing first started. We have a whole lot more traffic in the alley at high speeds. I lost a garbage can to someone banging into it because they were going crazy up the alley.
6/7/2016	Yes	Resident lives on the greenway route and is concerned about parking, drug dealing in alley between Irving and James. Also has issue with Metro Mobility and Medical Cab not being able to get through alley (because she thinks they can't be on the street).
6/7/2016	Yes	Resident lives on the greenway route (full greenway block) and is concerned about parking, drug dealing, and speeding in the alley between Irving and James. Her new car was hit/scratched and she feels that cars are getting blocked in by other residents (she was blocked in and was late to work as a result). She also thinks that cars are going too fast in the alley because there are no speed bumps.
6/8/2016	Unknown	Resident is upset about the greenway, in particular the street closures. She does not think that there are any bicyclists in North Minneapolis, so it doesn't make sense to accommodate them with a greenway. She is concerned because she is seeing gang activity in the neighborhood and feels like police are not able to reach them because they can't drive on some streets any more.
6/8/2016	Yes	Resident lives on greenway route. At the intersection of 34th and Irving, she saw a bus trying to turn onto 34th Ave that didn't have enough space because of two obstacles - 1 was a sign in the middle of the crosswalk and the other obstacle was a car was parked right at the corner. Because it didn't have enough room to turn, the bus had to go in reverse all the way back down the block. She thought this looked very unsafe and was hoping that an adjustment could be made at the intersection to ensure that larger vehicles have enough space to navigate/turn (maybe moving the sign and painting a line to let cars know where they can begin to park - 30 ft from the intersection like in other areas of the city?). She also noted that her block has orange cones and planters which kids are moving around as they play outside. Because they're being moved, traffic at night often can't tell where to go. Could we put reflective tape on the planters/cones and/or make them harder to move? Resident noted that she is in favor of the greenway concept and has noticed that more children are playing outside as a result of some of the initial changes. She would just like these minor issues to be addressed to make it safer and easier for everyone to use.
6/10/2016	No	Resident does not live on the greenway route (lives on ___ and Dupont Ave N), but he feels it is a terrible idea. People who just bought houses can't park on the street in front of the house. Have to come into the house from the alley. It's a breach for the security of the residents who live in the area. Forced to use entry from the alley Northside. Shouldn't have to enter home through the alley. People make good money and work jobs and it is a terrible ideal especially for recent home purchases. His mother and he live in the area. She drives public transportation. A person should not have enter the house from the alley. People can't sit on the porch. People are riding their bikes on the pathway. It is a waste of money. The area is blockade for a bike path. This should remain a residential area not for people just biking through the area and the area residents blockade.

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6/10/2016	Unknown	Resident wanted to provide anonymous feedback. The resident said she loves having the greenway in her community and is very pleased; thinks it's good for the neighborhood. She didn't specify if she lived on the route or not.
6/10/2016	Unknown	Caller biked the Northside Greenway and noticed a few things. First he believes the "weaving" design is a bad idea. This design would lead bicyclists to injure themselves. Second the greenway should have right of way. Intersecting streets needs stop signs and speed humps. Third he saw motorists using the blocked parts of Irving Ave N. It's dangerous.
6/10/2016	Unknown	Caller is a pizza delivery driver for ___ in ___ and is having problems with the closures in North Mpls due to the new greenway project. They were trying to get to a house on the 3500 block of Irving and was not aware that it was closed off to all traffic. Caller had to go through the alleyway, and does not want to have to do this late at night in this neighborhood on a nightly basis. Caller is concerned about emergency vehicle access. She also thinks that additional traffic in the alleys would be problematic also.
6/10/2016	Unknown	"I like it because it gives more space to play around. It also looks like a small park with all the benches around."
6/10/2016	Yes	Caller says traffic is starting to drive down the alley behind her house at ___ Irving Ave N. They are going 50-60 mph in some cases and her car was totaled as a result. She is very upset.
6/11/2016	Unknown	Irving/Lowry intersection of the greenway. Caller is concerned about the way the intersection is setup. It is confusing and dangerous for drivers trying to navigate the intersection due to the placement of the plastic pylons being out too far into the intersection.
6/11/2016	Unknown	"I am in support of the greenway. I think it's a great idea because the kids in my neighborhood don't have a place to ride their bikes. Anything to calm the north side would be great!"
6/11/2016	Unknown	Resident reported that her neighbor has had car hit twice due to this Greenway and another resident's car has scratches all over.
6/11/2016	No	Caller is loving the new greenway on Irving. He would love to have one on his street (lives at ___ 6th St N). He and his wife are cyclists and have been using the greenway regularly. It's been a great addition and they just love it.
6/11/2016	Unknown	"I love having another biking option in N. Mpls. I don't really understand what a permanent greenway there would look like. Also, extend it all the way to downtown so I don't have to bike commute on Fremont/Emerson. And the intersection at Lowry needs a bike/traffic light, cars don't stop despite the signage and they have a hard time seeing over the slight hill traveling east."
6/11/2016	Unknown	"I've met more neighbors in the last five days than I have in the past five years of living here. The greenway is a great asset to our community and has the potential to strengthen the neighborhood."
6/11/2016	Unknown	A North Minneapolis youth mentioned to volunteers that he feels safer because other kids in gangs can't drive down the street looking for him.
6/11/2016	Yes	"Green space is great, we need more of it!"
6/11/2016	Yes	People using the greenway aren't from the neighborhood.
6/11/2016	Yes	Resident mentioned that his wife and other moms in the neighborhood like being able to play outside with their young kids.

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6/11/16	Yes	Resident mentioned that the elderly are having trouble accessing homes – “we already have trails, why take a street & reduce parking/traffic flow? Businesses like ice cream trucks, uber drivers, etc lose opportunities.”
6/11/16	Yes	“Excited that kids will be able to play - would be nice to have hopscotch/4 square painted - traffic is calmed, usually pretty - hope we keep this - would be nice to have another trash can, bbq”
6/11/16	Yes	limited parking - multiple cars/household that don't fit in garage/alley - inconvenient & doesn't feel safe - doesn't like picnic tables in front of houses (invites strangers to sit).
6/11/16	No	Resident wanted to know whose “stupid idea” it was to paint; what will happen when paint gets sandblasted, goes in sewer.
6/11/16	Yes	Resident doesn't like the orange paint color, would rather have green or prettier color.
6/11/16	Yes	Resident living on block loves it, says it helps promote peace.
6/12/2016	No	Resident states that he hates it, looks terrible and it looks dangerous. Lives on Dupont, makes Lowry more dangerous and kids are climbing all over the cement things. Stated it was shoved down their throats and the City would never have done this in SW Mpls. Resident declined to leave a phone number.
6/12/2016	Yes	I am a resident of Minneapolis residing on Irving Avenue North where the temporary greenway was recently installed. While I understand this is a new undertaking, thus far I have had some negative experiences. This morning I had to park one block from my own property due to lack of parking. I would park in my driveway, but as I have a disabled family member coming to visit and it is necessary to provide closer parking for them. However, I was not pleased to have to park a full block away from my own residence. The east side of the street that is to be used for biking and socializing is being used as such. The issue is that those using it are not cleaning up after themselves. Of the last week, I have had a yard full of trash on 5 of those days. On Thursday, June 9th, for example, I had seven Styrofoam plates strewn about my front yard, along with cutlery. I assume it was from the group that was enjoying dinner on the greenway the evening before. This morning, Sunday June 12th, while walking back to my house, I noticed a collection of bikes, trikes, wagons, and a hula-hoop left in the street from Saturday night. This is an already struggling neighborhood and the increased trash and left items does not help the situation. In regards to the parking on the street, it appears residents are unsure of where and how to park. On the south side of the block residents park on the west side of the street and on the north side of the block residents park on the east side of the street, which I would assume to be the correct side because that is where the signs are posted. On occasion people have parked in front of their homes, but not where the street is widened to allow, causing traffic issues for anyone trying to pass. All in all, I am a tax paying, home owning resident that would like to be able to live the life I had planned on in the home I purchased, parking and all.
6/13/2016	Yes	Caller was angry about the Greenway and about being told that she had to move her car from the street during the paint the pavement event. She didn't appreciate being told by a volunteer who was not from her neighborhood that she couldn't park in a certain area in front of her house. Caller called the no parking restrictions "non-existent".

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6/13/2016	Unknown	Resident wanted to complain about the new north Minneapolis test greenway. He is unhappy that the city is putting in the greenway. He believes that it is a waste of resources and creates an obstruction in the neighborhood. Resident also said that the "day glo orange paint is very ugly. It is very appalling especially since no one I know wants the Greenway in the first place."
6/13/2016	Unknown	"Looks like shit. No parking. Gentrification is impression."
6/13/2016	Unknown	"I like how well the city communicated about this greenway project. We were able to attend neighborhood meetings to discuss this development beforehand. I like the new green space and think the plants/activity stations are good."
6/13/2016	Yes	Caller has noticed a large uptick in alleyway traffic speeding down the alleys behind the blocked/ one way streets. They are concerned that this will make the alleyways in worse shape than they already are. She was also concerned that kids were playing in the parts of Irving where the street was down to one way, but were playing on both sides of the street. Caller thinks that the adults/parents of the kids in the neighborhood need to be alerted to what areas are closed to traffic/safe for kids, and those that could still have cars speeding down them.
6/14/2016	No	"I think the entire project needs to be scrapped. I live on Humboldt Ave and the alley between Humboldt and Irving is already full to capacity. Moreover there is no need for a greenway within easy walking distance of two parks on a street that has always been easy to bike on as it is."
6/14/2016	Unknown	Caller declined to provide any more details but said he lived in the area and loves the test and wants it to be permanent.
6/14/2016	Unknown	"Get rid of it. No one wants it. You didn't ask anyone their opinion. We can't even park in front of our own homes."
6/14/2016	Unknown	"Don't like hammocks, blocked streets really? Take it down!! There are many more issues that need to be take care of."
6/14/2016	Unknown	"The hammocks are unsafe & a liability concern. The painting is tacky & ugly. Blocking the street and peoples properties is rude and inconsiderate of the individuals who live there. This is a stupid idea. The value of the houses are definitely going to go down in value and no one will want to live there. Inconvenience to those who live there and NEED transportation."
6/14/2016	Unknown	"I don't like that you have kids & car in the street together. Close the streets or don't do it at all, and people don't want this street closed with no parking on it. What on earth is healthy about encouraging kids to be on the street. The paint on the street is hideous!! The hammocks in the street is stupid. Serious concerns for fire trucks able to access properties on Irving. This is ugly and a representation of what the Northside gets = love community standards and expectations."

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6/14/2016	Unknown	"This whole concept is moronic. There is no room for fire trucks to navigate the slalom course. It serves no purpose other than to prove to the Northside that our opinions about our neighborhood don't matter. How will snowplows get through? Once the street is narrowed by snow, ambulances will not fit. Not every property has a garage and there is little enough parking around here. Without blocking off several blocks we have a hard time parking. There is a lovely parking for biking & walking nearby. We don't need more. Service vehicles (i.e. plumbers, roofers) will not be able to park at a customer's home. So residents will be forced to pay for time it takes to haul shingles, toilets, water heaters, etc down the block. I've been a Folwell homeowner for 27 years and I am completely opposed to the idea. More than a hundred families are adversely impacted by something no one here wants."
6/14/2016	Unknown	"It's tacky, I would not let my children or grandchildren play out there, unwanted guess playing in my yard."
6/14/2016	Unknown	"Very narrow/hard to navigate by car without hitting a parked car or barrier. Confusing to have to zig zag all over the road, and would be very easy to miss seeing a pedestrian or oncoming car while trying to navigate thru VERY narrow road area. Planters and neon road paint look cheap and tacky. 2-way traffic on road with only room for one way is scary. And I can't see how a fire truck or delivery vehicle could fit through some of the very narrow spaces, seems like they would clip someone's mirror at the very least if they could fit at all."
6/14/2016	Unknown	"I don't like not having access to the front of the house. Where would visitors park? How do emergency vehicles get through? How do cars drive through without hitting bikers or kids playing in the street? Why is a recreation area more important than everyday living of the people who own homes on the route? Bikers can use the bike paths already established."
6/14/2016	Unknown	"Working families have sacrificed to build a community and neighborhoods based on using the streets in the front of their homes. This is being taken for special interests."
6/14/2016	Yes	"We love it! Love seeing kids play, meeting new neighbors, having activity on our block. PLEASE PUT SPEED BUMPS IN ALLEY ASAP! We have lots of really fast traffic back there now!"
6/14/2016	Unknown	"The plan should be scrapped. If it went to destinations, it would make sense. The loss of the frontage to the home is bad enough. What about access for the fire and police depts.? I'd move now before the building begins."
6/14/2016	Unknown	"Violation of property rights."
6/14/2016	Unknown	"There is no place to park! Safety concerns both emergency vehicles parking in the alley is not safe!! Per the police department. There is no funding after the initial project. Who is going to pay for the upkeep, The Hmong with no one listening to them."

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6/14/2016	Unknown	<p>“Disability access diminished, metromobility NEEDS to access front of houses, back doors weren't meant to be main access routes. ADA - This part is not up for debate and will result in lawsuit if not addressed. It's unsafe, has poor visibility from houses (can't see bus arrival or people. Sewers/water table - what will happen to the storm drains/sewers, will the addition of dirt raise water table and flooding in basements? Hiding in alleyways, yes crime is a VALID concern. MAINTENANCE - Who will shovel, who will mow/fix pavement. Mpls Parks, City of Mpls? Alleys aren't shoveled, they're very difficult to shovel. BATHROOMS - will there be public restrooms, if not then promoting lounging on other peoples yards will most likely lead to bathrooming there too. KURVIES/WIDTH OF ROADS - difficult for cards to turn, why is it 2-way traffic, & how are bikes supposed to deal with this lack of space? Will it support the weight of trucks? WHY NOT - straight 1-way road & dedicated parking on 1 side & a dedicated bike path? Cheaper, easier & access is not as diminished.”</p>
6/14/2016	Unknown	<p>“I like the idea of close the bike trail loop in north minneapolis. There are better places to do this like closer to the river. How do you cross lowry? Why is it zig zagged? How will the street get plowed? Can fire and police make it down the road?”</p>
6/14/2016	Unknown	<p>“More greenway make it fremont.”</p>
6/14/2016	Unknown	<p>“The stretch between Lowry & 35th seems especially dangerous now. Cars and bikes coming from both directions zig zagging from one side of the street to the other with no direct line of sight up the road is not a safe situation for cyclist or driver.”</p>
6/14/2016	Unknown	<p>“I live nearby & ride my bike around this park a lot. However I am against the greenway 100%. I would be upset if this happened to my block. It's ridiculous, ugly, and disrespectful to those who live there. Who voted for this? Do they live here? STOP IT!”</p>
6/14/2016	Unknown	<p>“I'm hoping for decreased car traffic, a bit too early to say more. I am concerned about lack of parking for residents and guests. I dislike the patches of bright colors & cement barricades. I hope, if this becomes permanent that those are replaced with more attractive options. I also watched a fire truck struggle to get through yesterday. I am concerned the hammocks might attract homeless to sleep there.”</p>
6/14/2016	Unknown	<p>“I think it's beautiful! It makes me happy to see all the colors going down Irving. We really need that happy addition to the northside. I think it's perfect! Let's add some art and structures that reflect North mpls. Highlighting the leaders in the community and beautiful kids playing and having fun in our home (neighborhoods). Way to go NGC! You all rock!!”</p>
6/14/2016	Unknown	<p>“Residents not consulted/listened to. Most are against project or in ignorance of project. Project is not needed - money better spent elsewhere. Property rights compromised. In bait & switch fashion as people who moved there did not expect this. It's dangerous, it's ugly, it's stupid & designed by people who do not live there.”</p>
6/14/2016	Unknown	<p>“Reduced parking, spaces will decrease house values & make it difficult for residents. Rear access if often unacceptable (handicapped). Bright paint colors do not coordinate with the residents, eyesores. Children's unsafe and do not allow safe paths for cars, pedestrians and bikes. Difficult to understand maintenance, presumed to be costly. Manually shovel path, snowplow cannot get through. Already park systems nearby. Unwanted by local residents, seems like it's way to get through without having to deal with Nomi. Per communication to those impacted. Lack of long term plan, no benefits, high cost.”</p>

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6/14/2016	Unknown	"I love the community feel. It's great to see children playing on the greenway. Glad to see trash receptacles now. The plan makes sense from Folwell park (36th st) to 35th street. After that the layout is very confusing. Are people supposed to [unreadable text] the open street while cars use the road? Are bikers supposed to zig zag their way down hill? Better all or nothing than confusing and impractical."
6/14/2016	No	"Expensive adjustments for handicap access in back - paint colors on pavement coordinate - concerned with reliability of survey data - what are expectations for removal, targeted - concept of weaving around is dangerous - maintenance on full greenway, snow - turn around on dead end into Lowry - perception that there is a lot of opposition except from activists."
6/14/2016	No	"Alley b/w Irving & Humboldt is full to capacity especially - concerned when snow comes - greenway is w/in walking distance to two parks, unnecessary."
6/14/2016	Yes	Resident feels that plans weren't clearly communicated - alleyway safety is a big concern – tight space for cars, no place to park for extra guests - perception that lots of opposition, no bikers in north just activists - concerned about property values - funding for maintenance - felt that initial questions weren't fair, pushed by people not living in neighborhood.
6/14/2016	Yes	Resident feels that money for the greenway should be used for park programming for people who can't afford it (e.g. tennis courts, baseball, etc). Believes that toxic paint was used on pavement. They don't understand why something to provide active living has picnic tables. Are concerned w/bike blvd layout, weaving is problematic especially for kids, need arrows to remind people to share the road. Signs aren't visible b/c of trees - getting sap from trees on car.
6/14/2016	Yes	Resident is concerned with limited parking; will they change permit/zoning to allow for parking additions and provide loans/funds?
6/14/2016	No	Limited parking, safety, security cameras are needed - had a negative interaction w/resident who didn't want the greenway. Snow clearance, more frequent plowing is needed.
6/14/2016	Yes	"This it's great for neighborhood - speed in alleys, people who are mad that road is closed - otherwise we love it, no trash, no needles, no late night parties."
6/14/2016	Yes	Resident is not seeing as much trash on his street - doesn't mind the colors of paint, there are bigger issues, this is helping neighborhood.
6/14/2016	No	Resident is opposed to the idea. Wouldn't want to lost frontage access, especially in winter - no destinations on proposed route, would make more sense to do this on 26th Ave from river to Theo Wirth, connect river development - nobody will bike the route b/c of high crime – the City isn't looking at bigger picture of north, how to connect this w/other things and a bigger plan.
6/14/2016	Unknown	Safety @ 33rd/Irving is a concern; cross traffic doesn't stop so bikers/walkers need signage to get them to stop before busy intersection.
6/14/2016	Yes	Residents feels that City didn't do enough outreach and that the project is more trouble than it's worth. There is trash on 35 th , more \$ is needed for security, there is more fighting b/w kids and parents on her block, drivers are going too fast, and it's dangerous for kids playing where they're not supposed.

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6/14/2016	Yes	Two-way traffic is dangerous, weaving cars, narrow - concerned w/snow plowing, where is snow going to go? - doesn't like losing access to front of house, limited parking in front of her house - in alley too, would cause more snow shoveling for her - moving trucks on full greenway block, are they allowed? - school bus blocking traffic, too narrow to allow cars to pass while it's stopped.
6/14/2016	No	Doesn't like the route - thinks we have plenty of bike paths on other streets - concerned about limited parking for extra guests.
6/14/2016	Yes	Open to half & half willing to try that. Current greenway is ugly, can't park in front of house. We can't play basketball - does not appeal to me - like the crosswalks.
6/14/2016	Yes	Encouraging kids to play in the street. Safety concerns. Cars could interact with kids.
6/14/2016	Yes	Resident is upset about the traffic flow on Irving Ave. He thinks it is inconvenient for drivers because there is no right turn allowed and a dead end at Lowry.
6/14/2016	Yes	"I do not like one thing about the temporary greenway. It is nothing but a burden on my block."
6/14/2016	Yes	"I love the cleaner street and less traffic, noise, crime!! More plants and basketball hoops or free bike exchange spot!!"
6/14/2016	Yes	"I just want to say I live on Irving ave north along the green way and I am extremely pleased that the green way is on my block. I think this is a fantastic public investment that will help my area.so for the record I am for the Greenway. the neighbors of mine who I do not like and I find to be extremely unpleasant nuisances seem to hate the green way and have put up anti-green way signs in their yard, they have joined forces with other neighborhood trouble makers like [community member]. Anything that the city can do to negatively effect these malcontents lives is a public net positive as far as I am concerned. they are dirty people with very evil problems."
6/14/2016	Yes	"Traffic flow is illogical and dangerous for cars and bikes. Neon streets look horrible. Planters continuously moved - looks horrible. Increased alley traffic - no alley lighting for having to park back there. I live on the route."
6/14/2016	Yes	"It's ugly! It's dangerous. Two-way car AND BIKE traffic weaving back and forth. Not enough parking and no convenient parking for some of us. Years of proposing one plan and then switching to something completely different. I live on the greenway. Winter will be a nightmare."
6/15/2016	Unknown	"Hi ___, this is ___. I talked to you earlier. I have some concerns about the parkway here. Right now you have a no right turn coming out of the alley. Now I have to drive a block out of my way and a block to get back to Lowry to go to work every morning. Not only that I have to come down to the end of the road to turn around and go out the other end which is very inconvenient. A lot of people are just getting crazy with that. You might want to fix that so people have easier access to this road. Actually the road is not for kids to be playing in. That is what the parks are for. You might want to mention that at your meetings. Thank you, bye."
6/15/2016	Unknown	What do you like about the Temporary Greenway? "The concept might be good." What don't you like? "1. Fire trucks CANNOT pass freely. I know this for a fact! 2. Residents and their guests no longer have adequate parking 3. Who wants people swinging in hammocks and sitting at picnic tables in front of their homes? 4. Are residents really going to pick herbs from these cattle feeders? 5. The colors are hideous 6. None of the residents want this 7. Who thinks this stuff up and why is it kept so hush hush?"

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6/15/2016	Yes	What happened to the bike paths? Kids are struggling to get down it - plenty of bike paths.
6/16/2016	Unknown	Resident reported some old hammocks put up that are gross and disgusting; caller wishes these would be removed.
6/16/2016	Unknown	"I would like to report that I am in favor of the north side green way. I am not in favor of being harassed and threatened by anti green way residents while I ride my bicycle on this public street. I would like to ask for police presence ensuring fair and respectful access to this green way. however I am in doubt that that is even possible.when I attended the green way meeting that occurred this Tuesday at folwell park. in addition to anti green way opponents who came to this meeting wearing holstered firearms. I saw 4 Minneapolis police officers who attended this meeting in uniform also carrying guns. these officer went around the room telling residents to oppose this project because bicycle riders do not respect law enforcement and making claims that everyone who attended the 4th precinct protest arrived by bicycle. this is fascist intimidation. and it needs to stop."
6/16/2016	Unknown	Resident indicated he was a resident of North Minneapolis: "I'm calling to give feedback on the Irving Ave N closure. I'm really pleased with the closure. I would like to see it remain closed to vehicle traffic and I think the closure is a great idea."
6/16/2016	Unknown	"Greenway connecting the community; we need more bike paths and more community resources in North. Convert empty lots to playgrounds, etc. More obvious paths; crossing at Lowry Ave is not safe; have events. We love it!"
6/16/2016	Unknown	"I am so glad that the new greenway here in north Minneapolis has been completed, it is so welcome and great to have. I as well as some of my family member have use the bike and to have some where to sit and take a break after return of a bike ride is great. Thank you for this new ideal that is turning out to be a good one."
6/16/2016	Unknown	"I like that it is happening." Resident suggested doing observations now to track usage back - he is seeing lots of kids & parents using the route to play & ride bikes.
6/16/2016	Unknown	Two residents who live near the route wanted to learn more about the project - why it was happening. Thought it was a good thing for the community.
6/16/2016	Unknown	"Creates safe walks to parks for kids."
6/16/2016	Unknown	"I love seeing and hearing North Mpls being involved in changes that outer neighborhoods have get."
6/16/2016	Unknown	"Like the less traffic. Neutral about the bikeway because I do not bike that way. Too early to see how community use of it yet."
6/16/2016	Unknown	"As a biker, I won't be using the greenway. I feel safer riding on fremont/emerson and Penn than I do zig-zagging thru Irving. As a homeowner and parents, I love the added green space and I feel good having a place for the children to play right outside the door. More lights would be good. Also one of the hammocks is already broken."
6/16/2016	Yes	"Not on my block, don't want this on my block."
6/16/2016	Yes	"I like my kids can play in the street without getting hit or worried about cars speeding by. But I don't like that my company has no place to park and hard when I bring groceries. Instead of hammock use wooden rocking/swing chairs."
6/16/2016	Yes	"I like the tables in the street. It is fun to play in the street with the kids."

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6/16/2016	Yes	"I live on Irving. I ride my bike everyday. This greenway is stupid. Why are you wasting money on hammocks and picnic tables in the street. I ride only a little way on the "greenway" because it is still far more convenient to go down a few blocks to fremont. The bike blvds ...protected, bike lanes are smart. This is a bad metro which makes living in this neighborhood more difficult. Why are you punishing us with this multicolored paint and no parking? Why are you doing this? There isn't even enough bike traffic to justify it. I'm your target demographic, but I know gentrification when I see it. This smells like paternalist racism to me. Colorism is always really easy for you people. You can dress it up however you want. You don't believe in people. Fuck your stupid greenway. Parking for people. Bikes and cars can share the road. Like we already do. You don't stand a chance here. Go away."
6/17/2016	Unknown	Resident observed some positives they've witnessed as a result of the greenway: "1) no cars traveling high speed down Irving - so it's safe for the kids to play out there; 2) many people riding bikes, walking their dogs and genuinely enjoying the area (even saw people taking selfies in the painted area); 3) no loud stereos shaking my windows as they drive by; 4) no people driving by throwing garbage out their windows (yes that has happened right in front of me)."
6/17/2016	Unknown	What do you like about the Temporary Greenway? "Nothing." What don't you like? "Inconvenience for parking for current residents. Should have been implemented in a more affluent area that is more open to change."
6/17/2016	Yes	Biker concerned about lanes being too narrow for two-way traffic.
6/17/2016	Yes	"It's kind of a joke. I live at ___ Irving Ave N. I have two handicap signs. I park there because I have a placard. Nobody else is allowed to park on my street, but they still do. There are cars constantly parked against the curb and the concrete barriers. It makes it incredibly difficult for emergency vehicles to get through. I know they had good intentions, but it's just not working. When they sent the literature this past year, they never once mentioned they would be making my street a right turn only. I work in the opposite direction. I now have to go completely around the block to turn. If I would've known about this, I would've opposed this greenway."
6/17/2016	Yes	Caller stating that she opposes the Northside Greenway - it's become a traffic and parking mess here due to the greenway.
6/18/2016	Yes	"School buses are driving alleys."
6/19/2016	Unknown	"Public info office - tell police they can drive over the gold poles."
6/20/2016	No	Caller used to live on the street a few years ago and drove through the area last night. The caller was very impressed with the project, and they like how it forces cars to slow down and pay attention. They think that it is laid out very well and creates a safer environment for children to play. The caller lives in the south side of town now, but wanted to pass this on.
6/20/2016	Unknown	Resident says with cars parked and with the greenway it's not enough room for emergency vehicles. He could barely fit his compact car through the street.
6/20/2016	Unknown	Resident was concerned that someone had pulled out the plants in the blue colored pots on the 3200 block of Irving Ave N.
6/20/2016	No	On Newton, resident is feeling the effects of traffic on numbered streets - concerned about potential effect - hard for large vehicles - hard for vehicles - never heard that we need more park - Money better spent encouraging people - concerned about kids "learning to play in the street".

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6/20/2016	Yes	In favor of the greenway - thinks that it is a nice amenity for the neighborhood. She noticed that plants in one of the planters on her block had been overturned and wanted to have it re-planted/replaced so that it looks nice. She also mentioned that the no parking areas are being ignored; people are moving the orange traffic cones and parking wherever they want which is making it difficult to get through in some places.
6/20/2016	Yes	Resident primarily travels by vehicle. "I live in the ___ block. I went for a walk this morning and it's really interesting how the negative people are getting all the press. I don't think that's right. There are 15 houses on the 3500 block that have positive signs in their yards, but we didn't see any of that on the news during the Open House on Sunday. That's the block that is totally closed to traffic. We should have had this 20 years ago. I think this is going to change the face of North Minneapolis. In 5 years, this will be the desired location because it will be affordable and peaceful. It is better for our health. When residents decide they have to put up effort into this like cleaning up and using alleys, it will make a big difference. The people who don't want it have 3-4 vehicles for their house, don't use garages, and don't want to keep up their alley. I don't know why you would park a vehicle on the street instead of the garage to begin with."
6/20/2016	Yes	"I will only be at this grand opening to protest and voice my level of dismay for this project. NO ONE wants this on our street, it has proved to no more than a huge inconvenience and an astronomical threat to the safety of the people on this street."
6/21/2016	Unknown	"I am in favor of the North Mpls Greenway. Thank you."
6/21/2016	Unknown	"Please do not be discouraged by the stop the greenway movement. There will always be people who are resistant to change. This green space has the potential to improve our quality of life and the health & vibrancy of our neighborhood."
6/21/2016	Yes	"Two cars got hit in the alley - kids running in yard not being respectful - maybe some other hammock - kids don't know what boundaries are."
6/21/2016	Yes	Caller used to live on the new greenway street, but now rents the home. She said that her only concern is the parking situation. When she comes to visit, she has to park farther away, and as a senior citizen, it is harder for her. But, she really likes how much safer the area is for her grandchildren. The greenway has eliminated traffic and most noise pollution. Caller notes that there used to be drive-by shootings in the area, but now they feel safe enough to enjoy their own front yard. All in all, she thinks it is a positive.
6/22/2016	Unknown	"I'm not going to attend this. I've been opposed to the project from the beginning. I will also notify you that my elderly grandmother lives with me and she startles quite easily. I would appreciate it if you and your planners keep the loud music away from Irving ___ block of Irving Avenue North. I appreciate your consideration and thank you in advance."
6/22/2016	Unknown	What do you like about greenway: "Nothing. Can't get food delivery. Tacky paint job. Fix the potholes."
6/22/2016	Unknown	What do you like about greenway: "Nothing. My car has been dinged and scratched more in the last week than is the last 4 years combined."

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6/22/2016	Unknown	What do you like about greenway: "Nothing. This is not what was proposed. How exactly are emergency vehicles supposed to get through. If I would have known this is what would happen, I never would've bought a house here. How are people supposed to move? This was poorly planned. Just another example of gentrification. This will not solve any of this area's problems."
6/22/2016	Yes	"Sorry to do this but just to put it out there, the blue lights on the tree in front of ___ Irving worked for a few nights and then quit. I went out there last night to see what was wrong and someone has broken off the control piece, they also pulled one of the plants out of the planter in the street and threw it on the ground. This morning the plant was gone but the dirt was still there. Don't know if someone put it back or took it."
6/22/2016	Yes	What do you like about the Temporary Greenway? "The quiet. A new sense of community. Huge reduction in trash." What don't you like? "Being bullied by neighbors not in favor of greenway."
6/22/2016	Yes	"My name is ___ and I live on the proposed North Minneapolis Greenway. I would like to take a couple minutes of your time to let you know how pleased we are with the temporary greenway. As a direct result of closing our street we have met so many new people, from both Folwell and other parts of the city, enjoying the greenway. The greenway is responsible for creating a new and wonderful sense of neighborhood and community. It is a pleasure to see people biking and children playing on our now safe, quiet street. On Father's Day, our neighbors used one of the picnic tables to enjoy a barbecue. A simple pleasure that has been missing in this neighborhood for so long! We have also enjoyed the quiet that has been provided by the closure of our street to vehicular traffic. We no longer have to endure pounding bass at all hours of the night. Strangers are no longer parking in front of my house to conduct their drug deals. I feel safer because of the closure. Yet another outstanding benefit of the greenway is MASSIVE reduction in trash that accumulates on the street. Prior to the installation of the greenway, I would fill up at least one plastic shopping bag with trash daily, just from my yard alone. In the weeks since the installation, I have picked up exactly two pieces of trash (a pop bottle and a door tag left by a solicitor). I simply can't communicate to you how this improves my quality of life, as well as the life of the neighborhood. Now, unfortunately, for the negative. A select few of the typical neighborhood activists have been bullying me and my neighbors; canvassing the blocks along the greenway, taking pictures of us and our yards and posting them on social media, spreading misinformation and general fear mongering. I will not be bullied and will not be afraid to voice my opinion. However, I am fearful of retaliation from this group of people who have resorted to vague threats and name calling. Today I saw on Facebook a local business owner announcing he would be petitioning the health department to pay for permits to carry for twelve residents. The mere thought of this makes me physically sick to my stomach. I think we can agree that adding more guns to our north side neighborhoods is most definitely not the answer! I don't see how this would ever have a chance of being approved, but this type vitriolic behavior is not representative of the entire community! This behavior is scary, disruptive, and certainly not helpful in creating positive change. I am hopeful that a handful of hostile people will not hold my neighborhood hostage."

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6/22/2016	Yes	"I am writing in response to the temporary greenway on Irving Ave N. I live on Knox, 2 blocks from the demonstration greenway, and I think it's a terrible idea. People who live on the affected blocks are stuck using their alleys to access their homes, and our alley infrastructure doesn't support that. It's going to be more difficult for police and emergency vehicles to reach those homes, and as someone who has needed a quick police response recently, I recognize that as a serious issue."
6/23/2016	Unknown	Caller wished to remain anonymous said that they do not like the greenway because it cuts down on parking in the area and they have to park really far from their homes.
6/23/2016	Yes	"I am so glad not to live on a street where cars speed. I feel safer as a biker and pedestrian. Ever since the crosswalks went in, cars have been more considerate and aware of their surroundings."
6/23/2016	Unknown	"Shouldn't this have been Humboldt?"

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6/24/2016	No	<p>“NO. This is the most ridiculous idea. We have Theo Wirth/Victory Memorial for biking, walking & enjoyment. There are bike lanes on regular streets that are not used. In the couple of weeks that this has been in place, I have yet to see people riding through on it. I do not live on Irving, but a 3 blocks west on Logan. I walk my dogs regularly and have checked out the "greenway" from 36th south to 33rd. I have seen a few children playing in the street, but this is no different from any other street around here. I see hideous colors painted on the pavement (yuk) and I see a real hazard for emergency vehicles trying to get through. I would be most unhappy if this were on my block. My home has a very small 1 car garage that I am unable to park in now as my car does not fit. Even with a smaller car, I don't think I could park in it if I want to store things like a lawn mower & snowblower inside. My driveway is also very small and does not have good access due to the way the neighboring garages are placed. So, immediately, I would have no place to park near my home. I am damned if I am going to park up to a block away and have to carry groceries, or other purchases and perhaps make multiple trips. This is not the safest neighborhood and walking after dark is not recommended especially for a woman by herself with both hands full. I also see a problem with most traffic having to go through the alley - what happens when someone is moving and hires a moving truck? Do you think the neighbors will want their access blocked for long periods (hours) of time while people carry things from the front of the lot out to the alley (not to mention having to bring things out the front of the house and hope you have good access to and through your back yard) because most of these older homes (roughly 1900 - 1950) do not have wide back doors and access. I can't see someone hiring a moving company and having to pay \$100's extra to have their furniture and possessions carried up to a block away because they can't easily access the property. What happens when someone has a major delivery made? Gosh, how about firetrucks and ambulances? It seems to me that there really has been little thought to the practical side of this. These are existing homes, and if the city decides to ram this down the throats of the residents, is the city going to pay for any and all improvements to the entries, garages and driveways? Why should the property owner have to make these upgrades (and pay for them). Are you also figuring on how this affects the elderly and disabled? Again, having to walk a distance may not be an option for some. We have many issues in this area that are in need of fixing. Bike paths & walking paths are not needed; we have sidewalks on every block around here unlike many suburbs, there are bike lanes (rarely used), we have parks all over, so "green spaces" are not lacking. If people want to get out & move for their health they already have plenty of options. What we need are safe neighborhoods where gunfire is not heard on a daily basis, where you don't have to worry about being robbed while walking down the street. We need jobs for the people who live here, we need businesses to move here so there are jobs, we need fewer rental properties and more owner occupied homes and at least reasonable enforcement of the city housing code for the rental housing that does exist. I think that the money that has been dedicated to this could help in other ways, even more programs for the neighborhood parks to keep kids busy. If it really is a "necessity" to have another underused bike lane - why not just put in a bike boulevard where people can still park in front of their homes and people can share the road. This seems to be the easiest way to start and when you can condemn entire blocks of housing to build all new homes, then put "greenways" in. I am sure where these are planned with new construction, they work well, but not here. One question, how many people who are involved with this plan actually live on the affected blocks and how many live within 4 blocks? I think it is important to consider those who are really impacted by the negative parts of this project and not cater to those who don't have a clue as to what these changes really mean to the actual residents. I have visited some facebook sites and the comments from those who are proponents of this are VERY derogatory to the residents and they seem to belittle any concerns that they have. One woman who has physical impairments was told "too bad if you have to walk a block or so" Really? Others are chided for worrying about parking their cars or even owning cars; not everyone is going to ride a bike or want to or be able to due to age or infirmities. I don't think that anyone is against bike riding per say, I think that the real resistance is because people feel that they are not being listened to, or that anyone really cares. Thank you for taking the time to read this.</p> <p>to age or infirmities. I don't think that anyone is against bike riding per say, I think that the real resistance is because people feel that they are not being listened to, or that anyone really cares. Thank you for taking the time to read this.</p>
6/24/2016	Unknown	“Please take a poll of how the residents along this greenway feel about it.”
6/24/2016	Unknown	“The people who actually live on this street don't want it! Waste of money when North Minneapolis has so many more pressing issues!”
6/24/2016	Unknown	“www.stopthegreenway.com”

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6/24/2016	Unknown	"How about a serious study of what North Minneapolis actually NEEDS? It isn't a greenway. One of the biggest risks to the health and wellness of the citizens of North Minneapolis is random gunfire, maybe start there. Greenspaces aren't going to be used so long as citizens fear being shot."
6/24/2016	Unknown	"Like maybe let's address the lead in the air?"
6/24/2016	Unknown	"That too! The lack of a quality grocery store where one can obtain fresh foods for their family without the overwhelming stench of rotting meat (CUB!)."
6/24/2016	Unknown	"This is incredibly stupid. Residents don't want it, they are losing access to their homes and MFD can't get to them in case of emergency."
6/24/2016	Unknown	"I can't believe that this project is for real. If this was an area of wealthy white folks this would NEVER have been done. Try doing something this ugly and obnoxious in Edina. You have really infringed upon our rights and lawyers will be talked too. How dare these pushers of this blight pretend that they talked to us affected by this mess. How dare they require handicap, elderly and people who already find it hard to park near their home have to park blocks away and disrupt other people's parking on their block. Alarms going off on cars blocks away do nothing. This project was thrust on the community because poverty pimps found free money up for grabs and people want to make a name for themselves. The polling and support for this greenway is FAKE and unjust. It is being pushed by those who don't live on the path. The hammocks were broken week one, the benches are broken, the basketball hoops are broken and TRASH is everywhere. People have to pick that up, deal with people coming in there yards and looking at brightly painted potholed roads. YOU CAN'T be serious. TAKE that crap down and stop oppressing us. The only decent thing to do is to remove that blight immediately and act. We have TWENTY parks that have grass not concrete what is the matter with you? FYI my son has not bike because three have been STOLEN how about you use the money to buy people bikes or do something about the crime..huh."
6/24/2016	Unknown	"Make the whole stretch of greenway for bikes and pedestrians. Seems confusing where the cars share the road, but at least it forces drivers to slow down."
6/24/2016	Unknown	Resident is against it in N. Mpls period because of crime, "need more money for crime patrol - crammed down our throat."
6/24/2016	Yes	"Gosh ! I will be at work on Sunday so I will miss the opening."
6/25/2016	Unknown	"Close down the Northside greenway immediately. This is not about public health, it is about you cashing a paycheck. This is a gross misuse of resources against the will of the residents."
6/25/2016	Unknown	"Unsafe and unwanted! You took away our parking!"
6/25/2016	Yes	What do you like about the Temporary Greenway? "I DON'T LIKE IT AT ALL." What don't you like? "Our quiet street has now become a noisy - busy street. The kids are playing not only in the painted areas but in the traffic areas. It is an accident waiting to happen."
6/26/2016	Unknown	Caller stated that they are at the grand opening and that the food and other services are being denied to protesters, including small children and pregnant women. With something dividing the community so badly, this is only making things worse.
6/26/2016	Unknown	"I don't like it because no parking for metro buses or taxi cabs for seniors. Too far for walking with bags."

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6/26/2016	Unknown	"I don't like any of it. I think room for driving can be added."
6/26/2016	Unknown	"Your map looks bad and you should feel bad."
6/26/2016	Unknown	"Out of comment cards; You need more comment cards elitist scum; More comment cards. I need to tell you why this is bad; Impeach Hodges. Fire Pratt. Fire [community member]. Audit the Northside Greenway Council. Still out of comment cards. Why are you trying to suppress dissent?"
6/26/2016	Unknown	"Take it down."
6/26/2016	Unknown	"I use the greenway (from 35th to folwell park) everyday. I have seen so many new people out walking dogs. This afternoon a group was using the nice ride bicycles at the end of the block. I would hope that in the future our greenway could be as beautiful and functional as the one connecting folwell park to penn ave. Victory Memorial's bike pedestrian car paths are incredible - one of the prettiest parts of our city. I think people are more skeptical b/c this one seems a bit shoddy. The big planter w/the tree looks like it was crashed into and the smaller ones further down the street are stained and unsightly. I'm glad the hammocks were removed - shortly after ripping. More sustainable - functional & beautiful amenities would help people to recognize the benefit of the greenway. Keep up the good work."
6/26/2016	Yes	"Profuse thanks for the folks who thought this up and brought it through. I live on the ___ block of Irving and couldn't be happier with it, hope that we can keep it permanently. It's even given the local ignoramus up the block something to do, driving around with his stop the greenway sign I don't think he's had a chance to feel this important for years. Used to be disgusted, now quite amused with the folks fighting to keep their property values down, for more dangerous streets for their kids. Keep up this sort of good work and thank you."
6/27/2016	Unknown	Caller states he lives in the area of the North Minneapolis Greenway. He doesn't agree with shutting streets down solely for bike traffic. All of the other streets in the city of Minneapolis have a bike lane. It is moronic idea. He doesn't know the moronic reasoning behind the idea. It's like closing the Stadium down to build a house. It defeats the purpose. Why close the street for biking when it is for traffic. Completely against the idea for closing the street. He has to work to pay for taxes. He refused to leave his contact information because he did not feel he would receive a call back.
6/27/2016	Unknown	Resident went driving in North Mpls yesterday and happened upon the new greenway project. They got out of their car and walked around it, and loved it. They think it is a great addition to the area and an asset to the community.
6/27/2016	Unknown	What do you like about the Temporary Greenway? "Nothing." What don't you like? "It is forced on the neighborhood."
6/27/2016	Yes	Caller states there are new lights in the alleys on the east side of Irving, but not the alley to the west (between Irving and James) and caller is wondering if that's an oversight or if the new lights are coming. This caller also complained about the potholes at ___ Irving Ave N making biking on the greenway difficult. Caller also is concerned about cross traffic not stopping for the greenway. She had a driver yell at her when she was waiting to cross on the greenway because she was inching out into the street. Caller is also concerned about children playing in the street by the greenway and thinks it might be helpful to include a reminder to parents about safety in the next newsletter that gets sent out to residents for the greenway, if there will be another letter.

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6/27/2016	Yes	What do you like about the Temporary Greenway? "Nothing." What don't you like? "Everything."
6/27/2016	Yes	<p>What do you like about the Temporary Greenway? "I like the feeling it gives Northside residents that our section of the community is cared about and being thought about and is worthy of new ideas and endeavors." What don't you like? "I feel the greenway doesn't add things to my block that residents didn't already have access to - and in fact, robs us of basic rights and conveniences. We've lost a lot and gained essentially nothing. If the two main attractions of the greenway are essentially 1)Bicycling and 2)Picnic Tables - well, bicyclists could already have biked down Irving BEFORE the greenway. They could and still can bike on any street in our city. And the Picnic Tables plopped onto a street are so unnecessary since literally within in sight there are plenty of picnic tables in Folwell Park - in a much lovelier, more green and grassy setting, no less. Parks are Parks. Streets are Streets. Parks are for being active, engaging with the community, having picnics, kids playing. Streets are for driving and parking and accessing homes/businesses. My main problem with the Greenway is it deletes a street from residents and homeowners who have rights and needs of their street and instead crams a park onto a stretch of streets that already has easy/near access to large, green, adequately-appointed parks."</p>

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6/27/2016	Yes	<p>“Hello There. First off, thank you for your efforts in making North Minneapolis a better, healthier section of our community. I genuinely appreciate that you and your partners are wanting to bring something vibrant and positive to an often-neglected area. That said, as a 10-year resident and homeowner living on Irving Ave, directly on the greenway - I was and still am against this particular placement and iteration of the greenway. PARKING: I understand this stretch of street was selected because it was “low-traffic”. While that may be true, another way to describe this stretch of street would be “densely populated”. The old homes here are built close together. The back alleys and garages were designed in a different era, when fewer cars were owned per family. And given that North Minneapolis has since become a lower income neighborhood, there are many multi-generational families living with many people all under one roof. Next door to me, for instance, is a large Hmong family - I think about 12 people live in the home. There are at least 5 driving-age residents in that home who all have cars and need them to drive to their jobs. They all now must struggle to find convenient parking in order to have safe and easy access to their homes. For what? So a street designed and needed for driving and parking can now instead accommodate a picnic table and a few benches? What’s so health-promoting about a picnic table or benches? How does that prevent crime or promote physical fitness? What do tables and benches add to our community that wasn’t already available mere yards away with the tables and benches all throughout Folwell Park? SAFETY: My __ year old niece lives with me currently. When she gets home from work at 9 at night, it greatly worries me, in this crime-heavy community, that she is being caused to have to park unnecessarily far from our home and then walk either through a dark alley or around an additional block, in the dark, alone, just to return home. And for what? So that someone who loves biking can now bike on Irving with magenta and blue painted on it, whereas before that poor biker, last year, had to bike on Irving without magenta or blue paint on it? IMPOSITION: I feel the greenway forces the interests or preferences of some onto all, and that doesn’t feel right. Or even legal, given issues of tax-paying, and issues of handicap-accessibility. Health is very important to me personally. I work out regularly, jog through Folwell Park multiple times a week, and love to dance/take dance lessons weekly. But I wouldn’t take my love for health or passion for dance over to James or Fremont or any avenue and insist that residents on streets I don’t live on lose their basic, reasonable rights to drive and park on the streets in front of their homes so that their entire street could be turned into a 5-block long Dance Floor for me and my metro area friends who also like to dance. That’s what this greatly cyclist-community-supported push for the greenway feels like to us inconvenienced Irving residents. I would never suggest robbing any of my near or not-so-near neighbors of standard use and access to their homes and property just for my interests or desire to be healthy. Especially not for an endeavor, such as this greenway, that literally adds nothing to our neighborhood we didn’t have already in Folwell/Jordan Parks. (walking paths, greenery, playground equipment, benches, picnic tables). Moving Forward: 1) For the safety and rights of Irving residents, I would like to see this greenway dismantled before it’s full one-year trial. 2) I would like exploration of any future or permanent greenways to be limited to non-residential streets/corridors. 3) I would like residents of this or any future greenway route/project to be officially appointed to any decision-making committees/councils, and to be significant and equal partners in any data collection and verification. (The greatest frustration mounting within the anti-greenway movement is the feeling that the Irving greenway was envisioned, organized, and increasingly mobilized by non-Irving residents - and that the methods and data to support the greenway’s construction were prejudiced, unbalanced and skewed.) Thank you for your efforts, for engaging with us on our feedback - and I really would like to work with you and your partners so that our entire Northside community finds and fosters new and positive additions to our neighborhoods that are less controversial than this greenway has been. Let me know what I can do to help everyone work together better! Thanks!”</p>

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6/27/2016	Yes	"Beautiful summer day. 74 degrees :) I'm a homeowner who lives right on the greenway and works from home. A dozen times over the course of the entire day I've looked out my window to see if or how the greenway was being used. I never saw anyone on it or using it. No cyclists, no walkers, no children. Not sure the inconvenience for residents is worth the general lack of recreational use."
6/28/2016	Unknown	"I love this greenway idea!!!! Make it permanent!"
6/28/2016	Unknown	"I'm interested in how much the Greenway is estimated to cost and how it will be funded? I didn't see these questions addressed on the FAQ page."
6/28/2016	Unknown	There have been significant issues with parking since the temporary greenway has been in place. Resident is available to discuss at the phone number provided. He doesn't mind if you call for more details.
6/28/2016	Unknown	What do you like about the Temporary Greenway? "Nothing." What don't you like? "I do not like anything about it. Please take it out and return all of the streets to normal."
6/28/2016	Yes	"I oppose the Greenway in North Minneapolis." Caller stated it's a traffic and parking mess here due to the greenway.
6/28/2016	Yes	"I do not like that parking was taken away without providing an alternative. I now have to park a block away and worry about my car getting broken into or damaged. The least that could have been done was to convert it to a one way street to leave parking on one side. We also now have kids running in the middle of the street without adult supervision. No Bueno ☹"
6/29/2016	Unknown	"Since parking was taken away on the street, you should look into converting the vacant lot into a parking lot for the neighborhood/block."
6/29/2016	Yes	"My neighbor is parking his white truck on the lawn of the vacant lot next door. This causes the grass to die and is unsightly. He lives in ___ Irving Ave N."
6/29/2016	Yes	"Please don't respond. Since I mentioned the blue lights previously I wanted to update you. It looks like a different control was put out there but neither the lights on the odd side or even side of the block work at night. Maybe that is the plan, just wanted to mention it in case. I know you have so many things to do and it's low on the priority list but since they are out there and not working figured you would want to know. As I said you do not need to respond and I do appreciate all that you have done."
6/29/2016	Yes	Caller wanted to report that he, and other neighbors who support the greenway, were uncomfortable with the fact that [community member] has been constantly biking/walking on their block and talking to neighbors, including kids. Caller and his neighbors feel that [community member] is a nuisance and they want to report him to the police. Caller also mentioned that [community member] drove a personal vehicle onto the 3500 block and parked it in front of a house. Another resident came out of the house and got into the car and proceed to call the Caller names and berate him for supporting the greenway. The Caller was upset about this treatment. Caller submitted pictures to document his concerns and what he observed.

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6/30/2016	Yes	What do you like about the Temporary Greenway? "Community building, friendly, healthy green space, good for children, families riding bikes, people walking dogs, conversations with neighbors, more plants." What don't you like? "Keep it clean- remove trash when receptacle is full-provide recycling too. Make it easy to understand."
7/3/2016	Yes	What do you like about the Temporary Greenway? "N/A" What don't you like? "The design of the 3500 block of the greenway is unsafe and confusing. Since the bike lane on this block zig-zags repeatedly back and forth across the width of the road - where are walking pedestrians supposed to walk/stay? If walkers stay walking far to either side of the road, the bike lane soon enough crosses way over and onto the walking pedestrians, on whatever far side of the road that the walkers might have chosen. Walkers must either keep crossing over bike lanes, precariously, past a fast-moving bicyclist. Or any walkers must, like me and my family did last night, just give up on the greenway and walk on the sidewalk where things are safe and clear and straight and we don't run the risk of being plowed into by a bicyclist enthusiast. Walking on the 3500 block of the greenway feels like an obstacle course or puzzle/trick. Why spend all the money and create all the hassle and outcry if it's so dangerous and unclear for walkers to even walk on it?"
7/3/2016 and 7/12/2016	Yes	What do you like about the Temporary Greenway? "I think the idea of the greenway is noble, but the execution has been appalling. Unfortunately, it seems that the bulk of the outreach effort was focused elsewhere and the late-in-the-game switch to Irving Ave caught many, ESPECIALLY residents like myself off guard. What don't you like? I would like to see more communication to residents IMMEDIATELY on the plans for winter for the greenway. Specifically, what kind of timeline can be expected for plowing of the alley if we are going to continue to be locked out of access to the street. Also, are we required to continue to shovel the sidewalk adjacent to the greenway? I believe that the already wan support for the greenway from residents on the route will begin to evaporate when people realize how much of a hassle this will be in winter. Our "major" roads like 36th are not adequately plowed in the winter, I'd like to know that project will be coordinating with the winter road crews (I've been told that local police and fire officials weren't asked for comment before things moved forward so I'm leery of big problems after the first storm)." [Note: this comment was submitted on two separate dates.]
7/4/2016	Unknown	"I am wondering how Fed Ex, UPS, etc. make deliveries - many times they do not want to come to your back door."

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7/5/2016	Yes	<p>"Hello _____. In the past five days, someone went through my car (I may have neglected to lock all doors), a neighbor's car was stolen via breaking a window, and last night we were awakened twice by gunshots that were so close, I was afraid they might come through the walls. Today I notice it appears someone has stood in the shrubbery below the living room window possibly trying to see in or even break in. In addition, trash on the street has reached an all time high. I and my family have lived here 26 years, and while these types of things have happened on rare occasions over the years, this is way too much and too concentrated. By inviting additional foot traffic onto Irving and reducing car traffic (passing cars can actually be a deterrent) it's an easy place for people on foot to do whatever they want without being disturbed. Please respond to let me know you received this, that it will be passed on as feedback, and let me know of any efforts that are underway to address these types of concerns. Thank you." [follow up email] "Hello. To answer your questions, my car was on the street when someone went through it. I assume my neighbor's car was on the street when it was stolen but I didn't ask. I know he had to get it from the impound lot so I assume there is a police record. I really, really miss parking my car in front of my house. I now have to park one or two or more houses away, depending on availability. It's a matter of convenience which I feel I have a right to, but I also like being able to see my car. The Greenway Council has been dismissive of these types of concerns and it's part of what is so frustrating."</p>
7/6/2016	Unknown	Resident does not like the closure on Irving Ave N. and Lowry.
7/6/2016	Unknown	"Excited the idea of a new greenway can be explored in N. Mpls. Young people love the new amenity. I appreciate the investment in N. Mpls, especially b/c exercise, connectivity, and activity are crucial."
7/8/2016	Yes	"I have a rental property on this block. Here are my thoughts: 1. I hate it. Can't park near the house to do maintenance. 2. My tenant hates it. 3. No one seems to use it. 4. On the list of crappy ideas, this is near the top."
7/10/2016	No	"Visiting from out of town in June and July 2016. Nice trees; safer for kids; less traffic; less drug-dealing; the whole thing is great; handicap accessibility; tether ball; planters have herbs; lights around the trees; places for riding bicycles; nice walking paths to parks; street colors."
7/11/2016	Yes	"I like that it's MUCH safer for kids. Neighborhood "drug" houses have less places for "customers" to park & blast their stereos. Its quieter, I like the section I live on because there is still vehicle access and handicap spaces are still honored. I do wonder if there should be a volunteer house on every block to pick up the trash, or be given some way to water plants."
7/12/2016	No	<p>What do you like about the Temporary Greenway? "Nothing." What don't you like? "The whole idea of even the temporary greenway is not a good idea. We have so many parks within a short distance of the temp. Greenway. Folwell, Victory memorial parkway. Mississippi regional park, two places I don't know the name of along the river, I can drive down to them. The boat launch under Camden bridge connects to other parks. Webber park. Within 1/4mile I have some of the nicest parks in the city. I don't like that some peoples access to all of their street parking has been taken away. Our alleys are not made for increased traffic and many are not safe crime wise. The temporary greenway is hideous, I know it's only temporary. It could have been better implemented."</p>

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7/12/2016	No	Resident is concerned about grandparent living on Irving: "they need to accessibility near 34th and Irving to get through and be able to access their home as they become disabled the alley does not work. I have noticed much more traffic speeding through alleyways now in one lane roads that are not built to handle this traffic. Also greenways are getting littered and flowers not maintained, greenway supporters like [community member] have called this out as homeowner responsibility, really? Shouldn't this be part of the funding for the project to pick up trash. It also seems police have a harder time when called to get through in a timely fashion. My suggestion would be drivable 2 ways with bike lane and parking on 1 side, maybe add some art/planters in an additional blvd to protect bikers."
7/12/2016	Yes	Called asking about the Greenway Council and if there is a meeting. Asked questions about the process for a final decision on building the greenway: who makes the decisions, what would pressure the council members to pursue this further. Said she's seen the "paper boy" driving on the sidewalk and contractor's truck parking to close to stop signs. Said that she likes the idea of slowing traffic down but it isn't slowing the "bad guys" down. Said that the limited parking is creating a deterrent for people to come to her house and people don't need any more deterrents to coming to North Minneapolis and doesn't want to feel isolated when she and her husband get older. When asked if she had any suggestions for improving it, she said, "cut its funding" and she doesn't think there's any necessity for this because there's 27 acres of park land a block away.

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7/12/2016	Yes	<p>“Hello There- A few weeks back, the day of the greenway grand opening/protests my husband and I introduced ourselves to [City staff member] and spoke with them about our frustrations, as homeowners on the route, about the lack of communication between the greenway organizers and homeowners. In particular as regards to [a specific design feature near home] I understand that if you want to own/raise a chicken in your backyard in our city, you’re required to obtain the written permission of 80 percent of your neighbors. Apparently, though, if an outside entity decides to plunk a [design feature] in front of your home, they don’t need to seek your permission, blessing, opinion, or even inform you of its occurrence or arrival. Its things like this that make more than half of the homeowners on the greenway feel so increasingly disrespected, unheard, and powerless over our homes, our neighborhood, our street, and our fates as property owners. When we spoke with [City staff member] she understood our frustration and asked if we had a better suggestion for the [design feature]. Our home is situated [near a park]. A park, like all parks, specifically dedicated to activity and recreation. We suggested the [design feature] be placed anywhere against, on, or in the giant, recreationally-focused [park]. It confounds us, living right across from the green, expansive, well-appointed [park], why we’re trying to turn the ___ block of Irving into some sort of park. There already is a park right there! With benches, picnic tables, trees, and paths. A street is a street and needs to provide the purposes of streets to citizens - provide driving and parking and access for vehicles, deliveries, homeowners, guests, emergency vehicles. Anyway, [City staff member] said they would have their boss contact us the Monday after the grand opening, but no one ever did. I’m attaching a photo of what our front yard/street looks like. We’d been aiming to put our home on the market this year, after 10 years of living here on Irving. We were promised a greenway that would beautify our neighborhood and “add value” for homeowners. Please look at the photo and tell me if that truly looks like a desirable property for potential sellers to buy in an already depressed housing market/neighborhood. Who would want all that craziness literally at their front door? Let me know what could be done about our concerns. Thank you.”</p>

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7/13/16	No	<p>Part 1 of 2: "I am writing to you today with some of my concerns about the North Minneapolis greenway temporary installation, and - by extension - plans for a permanent installation. I live on the ___ block of Humboldt ave N. My block was one of those included in an earlier proposed greenway installation, and - for all I know - could still end up with a greenway on it. I am speaking both as someone potentially affected directly, as well as someone currently affected by means of additional traffic diverted from the next street over. I am also speaking as someone with a great deal of empathy for those currently being affected by this poorly planned installation. We've all heard the council touting the supposed benefits of this greenway, and that's well and good. The fact is, however, that it's all pie-in-the-sky dreaming, given the realities of the temporary greenway installation. This installation has been problematic in both conception and rollout, and promises to cause further problems as it progresses. Throughout the lead up to this rollout, those of us who happened to hear anything about it had to go searching for information. The entire time, it seemed that those behind the project were more concerned with obtaining the feedback of cycling organizations from outside of the actual area, rather than residents on the route. To this day - almost a month and a half after installation - I am still coming across people who had no idea what was happening, until it happened. As you well know, this area is disadvantaged in many ways. It's one of the poorest neighbourhoods in the city. It's one of the least educated areas. It's basically used as a dumping ground for the "undesirables" (see: sex offenders) that the rest of the city doesn't want to deal with. Still, there are many of us who work hard, live honourable lives, and just want quiet enjoyment of our homes, as safely as possible. It seems beyond predatory for outside lobbyists, city employees, and cycling activists to be able to impose their will on this area, knowing full well that the neighbourhood is ill equipped to fight back against it. The greenway council has misled people from the start, with dirty data collection practices. Combining data from multiple collection attempts, across several platforms, with no attempt to catalogue/rule out duplicate info, or even so much as verify residency of those replying. I have personally seen multiple appeals for "feedback" on early polls sent out to non-north Minneapolis cycling groups, encouragement for people to mark themselves as being residents even if this is not the case, and more. I have personally provided feedback at the Open Streets festival - with the representatives NOT recording it - only to see them record feedback from a supporter. When I brought this up at a meeting, my experience was mirrored by another person. This was in a very sparsely attended meeting, with very few residents present. At these meetings, they have repeatedly refused to present actual numbers for anything, whether it be budget, expenditures, or what their definition of "majority support" actually means. "I don't know" and "We don't have that information" are the most common replies they have had for residents in attendance. Even the promotion of the meetings themselves have been lacking in transparency. Many of the anti-greenway residents have reported that they have NOT been added to the email lists they sign up for at each meeting. Several were removed after receiving just one email or two, having to find out information from those still receiving information. For an initiative that has been claiming to be about community, they have taken great strides to keep the community in the dark. Even this week, the community had no idea if there was a meeting or not. Folwell park said there was one booked, but there was NO information out there. After cancelling the May meeting at the last minute ("because everyone is so BUSY!", no less!), and the nonsense they pulled at the last minute for June's "meeting", we're all very wary of this. Folwell park said there was one booked, but there was NO information out there."</p>

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		<p><u>Part 2 of 2:</u> "As far as the implementation: - It's dangerous. Home owners are reporting damage to their vehicles as a result of using the back alleys (odd side of the road, 3500 block specifically). The 3 blocks south of that try to shoehorn 2 way traffic into a slalom course that narrows to the width of a single car at the beginning and end of each "play area", and - most bewildering - there is NO bike path at all. The bikes (if there were any, more on that later) would have to fight for that single car width lane, as the imaginary "bike lane" would be superimposed on that single car lane. It teaches kids to play in the street, adding even more risk for drivers already trying to navigate that slalom course and avoid other drivers (and hypothetical cyclists). On top of that, between the slalom course and the bright colours, drivers have apparently been treating it as a race course. When I canvassed the route, the term "Mario Kart" came up on multiple occasions. - It was poorly planned. Aside from the issues above, the council never bothered to notify or consult with the fire department ahead of time. It's very disturbing to know that the fire department only found out by "happening upon" it while out on a call. It's extra disturbing to know that the fire department themselves were telling residents that they were unable to turn onto the 3500 block of Irving from either of the cross streets, because the planters and such made the tight turn impossible. Many residents of the block recounted to me of the time they watched a fire truck try repeatedly to turn onto their block, to no avail. How is this "healthy"? - On the subject of not consulting with a response agency, they similarly did not consult with the police. At multiple greenway meetings, the council assured residents of "increased patrols" on the street, as well as supposed patrols for the back alleys. This was fine and good, until the - surprised! - police were asked about it at the June meeting. They had not heard anything about the greenway before that, and actually LAUGHED when residents asked about these stepped up patrols. Not only were they never consulted, it was something that WILL NOT happen. They cited being understaffed as it is. - It's cheap, and it's ugly. Neon pink, orange, yellow, green, and blue paints are in NO way representative of a "green space", and they devalue the homes on the route. The cheap metal horse troughs that they are using as planters not only never had their sales stickers removed (tacky!), they were dented within days, and are currently rusting and slimy. Just a month and a half in to a year long installation, and it looks like an utter disgrace. We have to live with these conditions for another 10.5 months, knowing they'll continue to degrade. Given that they are meant to hold water and NOT to plant in, I also have concerns about standing water, eventually. When they become waterlogged, they will mold and will also become breeding grounds for mosquitos. With the Zika virus being such a concern this summer, that is absolutely unacceptable.... especially in an area where people already can't afford decent medical care as it is. In addition to the actual installation being a disgrace to look at, it is also turning into an urban landfill. Garbage is accumulating on the route, both in the street, and in the very few - neglected - garbage bins on the route. Those bins are overflowing - did the council not plan for removal? These conditions would NOT be tolerated in any other community in the city. They would be laughed out of many of the communities, long before installation. That this was permitted to happen in the first place - and allowed to continue to degrade before our eyes - is an insult. - No one is using it. Even on the advertised grand-opening (with the draws of food and activities, as well as beautiful weather that day), protestors vastly outnumbered everyone else until just before the ribbon cutting, where there was probably an equal number. For the bulk of the afternoon, it was basically just protestors and greenway council volunteers, with the odd kid here and there. Our own city councillors couldn't be bothered to show up! Residents along the route are often reporting entire weekend afternoons without a single cyclist to speak of. Why, exactly, are these people being denied full access to their homes, to host an empty street? As I'm sure you're aware, alley entry to the house doesn't count as legal "access". Given what people have to go through - obtaining majority approval from surrounding homeowners - to get a CHICKEN for their backyard, I am blown away that this didn't require anywhere near that kind of approval from those affected. Also, given the myriad issues and slapped together implementation, why should anyone on the route trust this council - or the city - to implement such a project in a PERMANENT fashion? I hope the city has a HUGE budget for offering fair market value buyouts to those on the route, for paying for homeowners to install tall fences in their front yards (it's only right!), and/or to compensate for the expensive renovations needed to make back yards, back doors, and back alleys accessible as a main entryway. I hope your insurance covers the inevitable lawsuits, as I am not impressed with the idea of that coming out of our taxes. This is getting long, and I'm sure you'll be hearing from others. I encourage you to take some time to read through www.stopthegreenway.com for more details on the issues, as well view the comments on the accompanying petition at: https://www.change.org/p/city-of-minneapolis-stop-the-north-minneapolis-greenway/c.</p>

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7/13/2016	Unknown	<p><u>Part 1 of 2:</u> "I am writing to bring to your attention, if you were not aware of it already, the issues regarding the Greenway that's being planned for Irving in North Minneapolis. While I was initially in great support of this it's painfully clear that, in the two years of polling and interviewing of residents, this Greenway board has not listened to or even formed a response to most of the concerns of people living on or near the Greenway. Not only is this test Greenway NOTHING like what people had described to them, but the responses from the Greenway board towards any concerns arising from it have been extremely dismissive if not downright offensive. My concerns are primarily in regards to how this goes directly against the ADA. New construction to public streets NEEDS to provide access to housing for the disabled. Two of the three "options" proposed in the test would completely remove parking access and access to mobility transport. There is one woman currently on this route that's been blocked off that much go through the back yard and into the alley to get to her transport that brings her for her chemo treatment. Backyards are not set up to be main entrances and exits, especially for wheelchairs or large transport vehicles, not to mention it would be impossible to have visibility of these areas, making seeing when transport arrives impossible. Upon being told these concerns the response was along the lines of "we shouldn't let one sick woman stop our bettering of the community" or "they can just reconstruct their backyards to allow for their accessibility needs (on their own dime of course)." This is an exceptionally offensive, apathetic, and out of touch response. It's not simply about one woman. Not only can any person find themselves with either a permanent or temporary disability, or with a child or other loved one with a disability they must care for, but everyone in their life eventually needs a little more help in regards to accessibility and mobility. This is why the ADA was created: for those that find themselves in positions where they can't speak up for themselves. This is why when things like the Greenway are forced upon communities that do not want them lawsuits happen with good reason. Other concerns, just as valid, were also pushed aside as well as belittled. Concerns of safety when alleys become main access for houses, especially considering recent repeated rapes that had occurred in the very alley proposed to become a main access for these residents, have been called "highly unlikely" (along with a little offensive drawing of a hoodie wearing blackened faced grinning figure holding a knife) in the Greenway councils notes and then were also flat out ignored. Concerns that the proposed benches and picnic tables cause an environment for loitering in a neighborhood that already has trouble with loitering was also ignored, even among people entering residents yards to take flowers, signs, and dump trash under their trees as if it was part of the rest of this "park" during this test closure. Residents also are not keen on this being made into a place that children should feel they can play, as is being insinuated by many of the installments and pictures. Children do not belong by the road. Alongside this concern was a very valid concern about the trash cleanup. Who would empty the trash cans proposed, or pickup the wrappers, bags, rotting food or diapers (all things left on the Greenway shortly after the councils events)? When asked this the Greenway council either shrugged or that the residents should pick it up. Snow and leaf removal is also something they had no answers for (would they make the plowing of the alleys a priority and would the plows be able to even fit down the alleys without damaging the uneven pavement or running into garages?). This is not acceptable. No answer after so long of a time to get these answers is in no way acceptable. When asked if emergency services would be able to get to residents it was simply stated "yes" with no explanation of how, and yet when the test closure happened the meetings were flooded with angry and concerned police, firefighters and EMTs who had not even been told of the closure in advance.</p>

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		<p>Part 2 of 2: Throughout all of this we've had to put up with very rude treatment for our concerns. Meetings have been canceled last minute or moved up right before the meeting is supposed to start "out of respect for peoples schedules." People have been removed from the Greenway mailing list or blocked from Facebook groups just for sharing their concerns. Residents who went to the Grand opening which was stated to be "for everyone to voice their opinions" about the Greenway had been told, once they share that they have some concerns of course, that the food (which was paid for with public funds) is only for supporters of the Greenway. This was told to multiple people, including an 8 month pregnant woman on what was a fairly hot day, by representatives of the Health Department. This is abhorrent behavior, especially from representatives for a city department and yet residents have been subjected to it repeatedly. Again, I am not against a bike path. My suggestion from the beginning, as well as the suggestion of multiple people, has been a straight one-way road with a dedicated parking lane and a combined bike and walking path on both sides with a gradient slope towards the street that would allow anyone access at any point along the way. This would not be a "Greenway" but what is currently being proposed is far from a proper Greenway and should not be called as such unless the buying and demolishing of houses along the path is also proposed. Any part of our suggestions have not been incorporated, in any way, in this test closure and they continue to go unaddressed. Please help us stop this badly planned project that's damaging both peoples property values and relationships within our community, and help stop the inevitable lawsuits towards the city and board that allowed it to happen that will follow after these violations against the ADA become permanent structures. A bike safe road can happen and is a great idea but THIS Greenway is not going to happen and is not being received well in any sense of the word. By ignoring peoples concerns it only damages the goal bettering our community further. Thank you much for your time.</p>
7/13/2016	No	Resident is looking for more information about whether project is temporary or permanent and what the colors mean, and more design information. Lives in South Minneapolis.

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7/14/2016	No	<p>"I do not live on the Greenway route, but I do live within a few blocks of it on Logan and _____. I have walked by it a number of times since it opened at the beginning of June and do not see that it has added any value to our neighborhood. There are very few people who use it, I have seen some children playing there, but in all fairness, I see children playing in or near the street on virtually every block I walk on or by. I think that we have a beautiful park system in Minneapolis and that the monies that are being spent for this project could be used to fund more activities in our parks for these same children and also make the parks a safer place for families to go. I also do not like the idea that 34th Avenue is blocked to cross traffic. This and the complete closure of Irving from 35th to 36th just add more traffic to the surrounding blocks. It has been my experience that when people are forced to detour around, they just speed up to make up for the time lost in going around; this hardly makes things safer. I would be very unhappy in losing the access to the front of my home for parking. A lot of the homes in this area have small 1 car garages that can barely hold 1 car, let alone all of the things that are normally stored in a garage. Also, the way things are laid out in some of the alleys, it is almost impossible to park in your driveway. There is also the issue of upgrading the entry to some yards from the back, not to mention rear entry to the homes themselves. I realize that there has been talk of loans to allow people to "upgrade" these issues, but in all fairness, is it right to make people take on debt to upgrade something that they hadn't planned on doing? Many people already have enough debt that they might not qualify for these loans, then what? I would not be happy having to park up to a block away and having to carry groceries, especially in the winter. For someone who is in poor health or elderly this would present a real hardship. I know one reason we purchased a home here 30 years ago was that there was ample street parking. Had this not been something that was important to us, we could have stayed in South Minneapolis. And to conclude, we have a beautiful parkway on the west end of the city that is heavily used. There are also numerous bike lanes throughout the area and they are seldom used. I don't think that adding the Greenway is going to make people ride their bikes more. What we really need is to have safe neighborhoods where innocent children and adults are not being shot by stray bullets. Many thanks."</p>
7/15/2016	No	<p>"As a health professional, it's likely you've heard of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs: a pyramid anchored with basic needs (food, shelter) that help us survive, and topped with loftier needs that help us thrive. From 1989 to 2000 I was the owner/resident landlord of a duplex at _____ James Avenue North. I still have friends who live on James, and am very much emotionally invested in the neighborhood. In my opinion, the Folwell neighborhood requires basic needs like crime prevention, access to good-paying jobs, and quality public schools. The greenway seems like a loftier need that isn't appropriate until basic needs are met. There are ways to encourage healthy living that are much more cost-effective than building a greenway. Promote walks in the neighborhood. (That's how I found my daycare provider). Encourage use of the picnic tables at Folwell Park. A safe neighborhood will make this possible. I encourage the City of Minneapolis to rethink this project, and listen to the needs of the residents who will be most impacted by it. Thank you for your time and consideration. A Folwell resident in spirit."</p>
7/15/2016	Unknown	<p>"Lighting inadequate and whatever was put out to slow traffic is not working."</p>

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7/15/16	Unknown	What do you like about the Temporary Greenway? "It's safe for the kids to play without worrying about cars." What don't you like about the Greenway? "What I don't like is the elderly can't get transportation correctly."
7/16/2016	No	Resident of north Minneapolis called in to say that they finally had a chance to ride their bike along the new greenway. They absolutely love it. They really like the part that is fully closed off to traffic but can understand the need for parking. They said that if people don't like it, move it to Russell Ave (where they live).
7/19/2016	Unknown	Resident is not in favor of the North Minneapolis Greenway. He is a cab driver and customers live in the area. He says the whole idea is confusing. He is also concerned for near accidents due to the confusion.

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7/19/2016	Yes	<p>“My family and I have owned a home on the proposed Greenway, ___ Humboldt Avenue North, for over 4 years. I had concerns from the time I received a letter regarding the proposed plan and responded twice by email and have attended one planning meeting. I take exception to the results of the surveys as my household was never contacted to be interviewed. Someone is at home 90% of the time and no one contacted us, nor if they tried, did they leave any information. The only thing I like about the proposed Greenway is the name – but where is the “green?” I have visited the demonstration project...Easter egg colored paint on the road, orange cones, barricade sticks and more signs...it looks like a children’s birthday party obstacle course – gone wrong. I have sympathy for the people who have to look at it out their front doors. It has benches – yes, but I can’t imagine wanting to sit on a bench in the hot sun and stare at your own houses. Basketball hoops might be added? Again, I can’t imagine anyone wanting to hear basketballs bouncing right outside their living rooms or bedrooms. (Some people don’t have central air and keep their windows open for air.) The main negative feedback seems to be the parking issue, an issue of concern for me as well. I don’t think the details of how this would negatively impact me and my neighbors have been considered. On the posted page of FAQ, the question of where to park was condescendingly addressed by saying we could park in our garages, driveways and parking pads (whatever that is). (I’m glad they mentioned it as no one would have thought of that!) On Saturday morning, I counted 35 cars parked on Girard (the next street over) and 17 cars parked on my street. Please say you do not expect 17 extra cars (from Humboldt) to find parking spots on Girard). And this is summertime; in the winter there are issues like no parking allowed on plowing days or worse, one sided parking only. I don’t even use my driveway as it full of broken glass and nails. I have picked up 7 nails in my tires in the last 3 years. On the 4th of July, my next door neighbor had a party. About 15 guest arrived by car. Most had children walking with them or were carrying babies and food. Can you imagine how difficult it would be to have them park a street over and have to walk to their destination? Now imagine it is winter. My daughter uses Metro Mobility which I see concessions have been made for front door pick up. Metro Mobility also has a taxi service that clients can use and Metro Mobility pays all but \$5.00 for a ride. We have already contracted for a privacy fence for our backyard and once built there will be no sight access to who has arrived in our driveway. Will taxis be allowed to pick up at the front door? I also see an exception has been made for large delivery trucks – here again, what is considered large – Fed EX, UPS U-Hauls, pickups? It doesn’t seem like anyone has thought through all the details. I also have concern about safety. I certainly wouldn’t let my child play in the street designated only by paint and cones. If connecting the parks is an objective, what is wrong with the sidewalks that are already in place? I have read there will be enhanced lighting, trash pickup and snow plowing. Of course this would be an extra tax burden to homeowners. The curious thing is if this plan comes to fruition, taxes will go up and certainly home values will go down. Last week, yards on the demonstration block were trespassed on and vandalized – “Stop the Greenway” signs were destroyed. This “project” has now become a divisive issue – in light of the other issues our community faces, please don’t let another one make us hate our neighbors. It is extremely hard if not impossible to insinuate a “greenway” into an already established neighborhood. The successful greenways have not had the space issues that we face here. We already have the Victory and Theo Wirth Parkways in North Minneapolis. They were planned before houses were there. They are well used and beautiful. The question was asked, “Why can’t North Minneapolis have anything nice?” This is not the answer. This is being seen as another insult to an economically challenged area.”</p>
7/21/16	Yes	<p>Resident is concerned that there is no specified path for bikes. They also think that it may be unsafe to encourage kids to play/congregate in the street. They have also had problems with kids and people hanging out in their yard, as spill over from the street. They think that this greenway should be treated more like a transportation corridor vs a gathering place. They also don’t like the neon colors, maybe it could be a more neutral color, not bright pink.</p>

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7/22/16	Unknown	Resident wanted to comment on the new greenway, said he would use it to get to work on his bike. Safe well marked bikeway. Help to support the community. The more eyes on street the more you get to know other people.
7/22/16	No	Resident wanted to voice their strong support for the greenway project. They recently moved into the area and plan to bike along the street and use the greenway as a corridor to access downtown.
7/27/16	No	Caller is concerned that the restricted parking from the greenway that is a few blocks away from their home will cause parking issues in front of their home. They have already seen more people parking in their neighborhood. They want to make sure there is enough parking in the area for everyone.
7/29/16	Yes	"Friends at the City of Minneapolis: We live at __ Irving Avenue North and LOVE the greenway - hope the pilot is successful. We'd like to have a yard sign to join those neighbors who agree with it. Can you let someone know that they can drop it off at the house, or please let me know how we can get one. Thank you!"