

# Summit Avenue Regional Trail:

## *The City's Proposed Plan Contradicts It's Own Guidelines*

City officials claim that required reconstruction of Summit Avenue justifies including the proposed Summit Ave Regional Trail (SART). City guidelines provide that streets should be evaluated for reconstruction approximately **every 65 years**. However, the proposed work plan contradicts this standard.

The current reconstruction schedule focuses on the **West End of Summit**.

- 2028: Mississippi River Blvd → Fairview Ave (**Segment 1**)
- 2029: Fairview Ave → Hamline Ave (**Segment 2**)

### THE DISCREPANCY

The city's 2022 CAD data shows:

- Using the City's standard, 83% of Segment 1 is **not due** for reconstruction until 2044–2054, giving it more than 20 years of useful life.
- Within Segment 2 the roadway from Snelling to Lexington recently received a complete mill and overlay in 2022, making it the best-conditioned section of Summit Avenue.
- The **East End**, from Lexington to the Cathedral, is the only section that needs to be evaluated - with most portions having been constructed since 1913–1919.

**THE CITY OFFERS NO EXPLANATION FOR WHY IT IS RECONSTRUCTING THE SECTION OF SUMMIT THAT NEEDS IT THE LEAST?**

