

From: Duininck, Adam
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 6:24 PM
To: Lamb, Brian; Harwood, James
Subject: FW: Proposed Downtown East Pedestrian Bridge

Jim and Brian,

This is the type of message I was alluding to in our briefing at the BLRT office. I will email CM Johnson back, because he is my council member and I know him well and cc Jim that, while the cost of the structure is not insignificant, it has come down and we have an agreement that has the MSFA and the team paying for a share of the on-going costs which is what we have been seeking.

Anything else I should add to a message to him?

Thanks,
AD

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From: Johnson, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Johnson@]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 1:55 PM
To: Duininck, Adam
Subject: RE: Proposed Downtown East Pedestrian Bridge

Hi Adam,

Today I saw a bunch of official architectural renderings of the bridge that someone left in a conference room along with a stack of photos of other interestingly-designed bridges from around the world. Seems like someone is moving full-steam ahead on the bridge from the City's end. Wondering if you knew about this and where you're at with it. \$9m to cross LRT tracks that tens of thousands cross just fine every single day seems a little insane.

Hope all is well, and great to see you at the transit meeting last weekend!

~ Andrew

From: Duininck, Adam [mailto:Adam.Duininck@]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 11:23 AM
To: Johnson, Andrew
Subject: Re: Proposed Downtown East Pedestrian Bridge

Thank you. Any help communicating this to your colleagues is appreciated. I emailed Kevin R. and Elizabeth G about it too.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 15, 2014, at 11:21 AM, "Johnson, Andrew" <Andrew.Johnson@[REDACTED]> wrote:
You rock!!!

From: Duininck, Adam [mailto:Adam.Duininck@[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 3:35 PM
To: Johnson, Andrew
Subject: Re: Proposed Downtown East Pedestrian Bridge

Appreciate the feedback. I've told our staff I will vote against it and organize against it unless the funding isn't diversified or the O&M costs aren't picked up by the football team. It's a ridiculous amenity that doesn't deserve to skip ahead of regular route bus riders and transit users.

I had to spend some time clearing up for people that we, in fact, have not voted on the funding for this project yet. We have only put a small amount of money with the Stadium Authority to design and engineer it. The vote will not take place until late spring of 2015.

Thanks Andrew,
Adam

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 10, 2014, at 3:28 PM, "Johnson, Andrew" <Andrew.Johnson@[REDACTED]> wrote:
FYI - Some feedback

From: Andrew Balfour [mailto:sota767@[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 11:07 AM
To: Johnson, Andrew
Subject: Proposed Downtown East Pedestrian Bridge

Hello CM Johnson,

<http://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2014/9/9/how-to-justify-spending-8m-on-something-nobody-wants.html> is a nice & quick little read on a proposed \$8.7 million dollar pedestrian bridge at the new Vikings stadium. Going through that station myself everyday I originally thought a ped bridge was overkill, but the author points out that it'll also only be necessary 10-days a year *if* two other LRT lines are funded, built, and run at full capacity.

Met Council funds Metro Transit, but instead of useful projects like better bus stops, more buses/trains, more routes, or higher-frequency routes, they want to sink money into unnecessary projects like this. I'm starting to think Met Council only sees the core cities as tax-generators for projects that appeal to suburbanite interests.

If this project should end up in front of city council I'd ask that you

nix it or get something more useful out of the deal for the folks
who live and work in this city every day.

/end grumble mode

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Thank you,
Andrew Balfour
