

# Attention Residents -Update

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## 'Midtown Greenway - Hiawatha LRT Trail'

Since December 4<sup>th</sup> there have been no robberies on the Midtown Greenway and the LRT trail. The Minneapolis Police and the Park Police have been putting resources in these areas and these efforts appear to have paid off. The investigations into the six cases continue.

The goal of the Police Department is a safe environment for all residents. Please keep in mind the following safety recommendations that apply to everyone, not just cyclists.

### Common sense safety recommendations

- **Be aware of what is going on around you. Walking or riding while listening to iPods and MP3 players can reduce your ability to hear what is going on around you.**
- **If you see people that make you nervous or uncomfortable, exit the Greenway at the nearest ramp or turn around.**
- **Try to avoid isolated or poorly lit areas.**
- **Whenever possible ride/walk with others. You are much safer in a group.**
- **While there are "Bluelight phones" that connect to 911 on the trail they may not be immediately adjacent to your location. A cell phone is a great idea but is often a targeted item for suspects.**
- **Familiarize yourself with landmarks on the trail so that if you do call 911 you can give your location accurately. Provide your location and a cross street to the 911 operator.**
- **Make a personal decision about what you want to do if attacked. Bear in mind you are less likely to be injured if you comply.**
- **Wear your helmet. Not only will it protect you in an accident but if attacked you are less likely to sustain a head injury.**

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