

Legislative Hearing Officer
310 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Regarding license request 20100003436 Recycling Processing Center for Strategic Materials Inc:

Minnesota Transportation Museum would like to express several objections to the possible licensing of the Recycling Processing Center at 195 Minnehaha Avenue East.

MTM's Jackson Street Roundhouse is a 100 plus year old railroad roundhouse museum that overlooks the Waste Management building where the proposed business would be located. We were visited by 16,000 plus patrons in 2009 with that number increasing each year.

We already have the Bay West hazardous waste facility on our west boundary. Fortunately they are the furthest neighbor from the portions of the museum property visited by the public.

The Jackson Street Roundhouse and museum site is the last remaining railroad facility in Saint Paul dedicated to its original purpose of repairing and maintaining trains. We are part of an historic district and are a short distance from the Minnesota State Capital.

Issues by list number:

Item 2

Outdoor storage: We look down on the property from our museum and several other locations. When our powerhouse/ new entrance building is completed we will be looking from one story higher than this photo was taken. It would appear to be impossible to cover any outside storage with fencing that would keep undesirable piles out of our sight.



Second floor view of Waste Management west yard

Item 3

Although Waste Management is not actively using the west yard, it is still disorderly as can be seen from this recent photo. It is hard to imagine that when this is adds an additional active site it will be better kept and less of an eyesore.

Item 4

Rodent control in an environment where so much food residue is available is difficult, to say the least, and we have strong concerns that this will not be sufficient and may not even be possible. Efforts to control the pests may drive them into nearby facilities such as ours.

Additional Issues:

Location:

I35 E will be modified as soon as 2012 or 2014. This change will move the interchange with 35E from Pennsylvania to Cayuga and remove L'Orient entirely. Unfortunately this will landlock the Waste Management facility and force a change in access to our east property boundary with many additional trucks moving in and out.

Abandonment of the remnants of Minnehaha Street will be necessary along with a major change in landscape on our property line and major changes in the access to the auto salvage facility to our east.

Pennsylvania Avenue/ Pierce Butler upgrades will be affected by the introduction of another crossover very close to the Cayuga access interchange and the MTM entrance. This will increase congestion and confusion, with so many access roads so close together.

Waste Management is already a very noisy site. The addition of more trucks, loaders, and a closer entrance/ exit will dramatically increase the noise issues that we currently face.

There are other properties available in more remote areas with better access for this business. We can't move this 100 plus year old facility without destroying the atmosphere and historic significance of this landmark. Please reconsider granting this license.

David Miller
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I am traveling for business and will be unavailable for consult by any other means than email until September 22nd and not available in person until October 3rd.