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City of St. Paul
Department of Safety and Inspections
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
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Re: Metropolitan Council sound level variance request

Dear Council President Lantry and Councilmembers,

At a meeting of its Executive Committee on March 27, 2012, the Union Park District Council passed the following motion regarding the Metropolitan Council's request for a sound level variance to allow Central Corridor Light Rail construction between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am from April 5, 2012, to November 30, 2012, along University Avenue from Emerald Street to Hamline Avenue:

The Union Park District Council supports the Saint Paul City Council resolution passed on March 7, 2012, related to after hours work on the Central Corridor Light Rail and recommends placing the same limits on this sound level variance request for work to be completed between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am along University Avenue from Emerald Street to Hamline Avenue; that City Council this request is revisited on June 15, 2012, to determine whether it will be extended until November 30, 2012, that neighbors be notified prior to over night work, and that we support safety-oriented work. Noise issues should be vetted within the construction management plan and the basis for any overnight sound level variances should be incorporated into this plan.

Thank you for your consideration during this process.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kidwell
Executive Director