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August 30, 2012

Chair Kathy Lantry and Councilmembers  
Saint Paul City Council  
City Council Chambers  
15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
St Paul, MN 55102

Dear Chair Lantry and Councilmembers:

The Payne Phalen District Five Board of Directors has been actively represented and engaged in the I-35E reconstruction planning process. This engagement and citizen participation has included consistent community involvement with the Visual Quality Committee, organized efforts to notify, mobilize and host numerous community meetings, and inviting MN Department of Transportation (MnDOT) staff to make public presentations for feedback related to plans. The District Five Board reviewed the current reconstruction plans and passed the following motion at its August 28, 2012 monthly meeting.

District 5 requests that Municipal Consent for construction of I-35E is tabled until agreements can be reached by the neighborhoods and the (MnDOT) including:

1. The use of stone/concrete sound barrier walls on the west side of I-35E, and
2. including agreement on the materials, designs, and colors to be used for the sound walls;
3. Maintaining current trail access, or replacing the trail access with paths which extend beyond Maryland to Arlington, and
4. Establishment of a maintenance agreement for both sides of the sound walls by MnDOT.

We ask for your full consideration of this neighborhood request as we seek project outcomes that respect and include the surrounding neighborhood's goals and input for this significant project.

Sincerely,



Al Oertwig, Board President

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