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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance Metropolitan Council Milling and Overlay Project

St. Paul Property Owner:

This is to inform you of a request for a variance from the sound level limitations as indicated in the St. Paul Noise Ordinance (Chapter 293 of the St. Paul Legislative Code). Property owned by you and located near the noise source may be affected by this variance request.

Rental property owners must provide a copy of this notice to all renters or post a copy in a common area of the building so it can be viewed by the occupants.

Description of Variance:

Location: University Avenue West from Emerald Street to Rice Street

Noise Source: The Metropolitan Council has applied for a sound level variance for Central Corridor Light Rail related work. A daytime crew for milling and a nighttime crew for the paving will be working on University Avenue West starting at Emerald Street and working east to Rice Street from May 8, 2014 to May 22, 2014. The applicant is seeking a variance for the ability to work two (2) crews, one between the hours of 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM for pavement milling work and a second crew between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM for paving (overlay) work. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following variance conditions. The variance would be for the daytime hours of 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM for the primary work of pavement milling and nighttime hours of 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM for the primary work of paving (overlay) from May 8, 2014 to May 22, 2014. Milling and paving work would be restricted to Monday through Friday unless notified of weekend work. Weekend notifications would be required if there are delays due to weather or other unforeseen conditions. Work would be allowed on Saturdays or Sundays if the Department of Safety and Inspections and property owners/residents within 300 feet of the anticipated work area are given a minimum of 24 hour notice for Saturday work and 48 hour notice for Sunday work. Work areas would be divided into two (2) daytime/nighttime segments (48 hour time periods). As the milling/paving work progresses, Metropolitan Council would provide a minimum of 24 hour notice to the property owners/residents within 300 feet of each daytime/nighttime segment. This notification process would be repeated for each work area segment as work proceeds along University Avenue. The Contractors working on the project must use best practicable methods for controlling noise. Activities will be scheduled to minimize noise as much as possible between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM.

A public hearing before the City Council on this variance request will be held on:

Date: May 7, 2014
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: 3rd floor, City Hall Council Chambers

If you attend the public hearing, you will be given the opportunity to present verbal comments or objections before the City Council. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may within fifteen (15) days of the mailing date on this notice, written comments or objections may be filed with the: City of St. Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806, attention Barb McMonigal-St. Dennis or by email to barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us. Written comments or objections must be received on or before Tuesday March 18, 2014. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Barbara McMonigal-St. Dennis at (651) 266-9137.