



# Hamline Midway Coalition

DISTRICT COUNCIL 11

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Donna Drummond, Director of Planning  
City of Saint Paul – Dept. of Planning & Economic Development  
25 West Fourth Street, Suite 1400  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

**Subject: Request for Zoning Study of Snelling & Hamline Avenues**

Dear Ms. Drummond:

At its meeting on February 19, 2013, the Hamline Midway Coalition (District Council 11) Board of Directors adopted the following resolution requesting that the Saint Paul Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Economic Development conduct a zoning study for both Snelling Avenue from Thomas Avenue to Peirce Butler Route and Hamline Avenue from University to Peirce Butler Route:

WHEREAS, Hamline Midway Coalition envisions both Snelling Avenue and Hamline Avenue between University Avenue and Pierce Butler Route as vibrant, pedestrian- and transit-oriented, mixed-use corridors (including commercial, housing, institutional, and recreational uses) that connect the Green Line LRT stations at University to the neighborhood and key destinations within the neighborhood (e.g. Hamline University), AND

WHEREAS, both Snelling and Hamline Avenues are currently underdeveloped vis-à-vis HMC's vision, AND

WHEREAS, complementary changes in street design, zoning, and land use are needed to foster HMC's vision for Snelling and Hamline Avenues, AND

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) recently completed the Snelling Avenue Multimodal Transportation Plan which, when enacted, will improve transit connections and the pedestrian environment on Snelling Avenue, thus supporting HMC's vision, AND

WHEREAS, Hamline Midway Coalition recently submitted a Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) proposal to fund the redesign of Snelling Avenue from Van Buren Avenue to Taylor Avenue based on the Snelling Avenue Multimodal Transportation Plan, AND

WHEREAS, the parcels adjoining Snelling Avenue from University Avenue to Thomas Avenue were rezoned T1 Traditional Neighborhood to encourage transit-oriented development in anticipation of the Green Line LRT, AND

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Planning Commission recently recommended the rezoning of Hamline Park from R4 One-Family Residential to T2 Traditional Neighborhood, AND

WHEREAS, the current zoning along Snelling Avenue from Thomas Avenue to Pierce Butler Route is a mix of B2 Community Business, B3 General Business, RT1 Two Family Residential, and T2 Traditional Neighborhood, AND

WHEREAS, the current zoning along Hamline Avenue from University Avenue to Pierce Butler Route is a mix of T2 Traditional Neighborhood, R4 One Family Residential, B1 Local Business, B2 Community Business, and RM 2 or 3 Residential Multifamily, AND

WHEREAS, there are current uses along both Snelling and Hamline Avenues that are likely non-conforming under current zoning and future uses that could be envisioned along both corridors that would likely be non-conforming under current zoning,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Hamline Midway Coalition requests that the City of Saint Paul Planning Commission conduct a zoning study of both Snelling Avenue from Thomas Avenue to Pierce Butler Route and Hamline Avenue from University to Pierce Butler Route.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Jon Olson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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