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To: Holmes, Hilary (CI-StPaul)
Subject: West Midway Industrial Plan

Thank you for sending the information about the West Midway Industrial Plan. We are very interested in how the city will be moving forward with development.

NAMI Minnesota has been located in this area for over a decade. We like being in this area due to the easy access off of major highways (94, 280, 36 and even 35E/Selby) for our staff, volunteers and people attending events in our office. It is also very close to the University Avenue bus line which is used by staff and volunteers. Additionally, there is quick easy access to the Capitol – important for nonprofit advocacy organizations.

As you look to the future we are very interested in larger space closer to University Avenue but not on a rail stop due to costs. Low rent and easy parking are two important factors for our current location. It would be an even more ideal location if bus service came down Transfer Road or if at the very least there were sidewalks and lighting all the way to the bridge.

I know of many nonprofits who would love to be able to locate in this area if there was more office space available. I even tried to talk other mental health organizations into purchasing a building where we could share common space.

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