



June 24, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

**Railworks Track Systems - Metro Transit - LRT Greenline Special Trackwork Shutdown
12th St E and Minnesota Street Interlocking; 156 University Ave W-Rice St Interlocking**

Dear 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: 12th Street E and Minnesota Street - Minnesota Street Interlocking and at 156 University Ave W- Rice Street Interlocking

Noise Source: Andrew Kadrlik, Railworks Track Systems, Project Manager, has requested a sound level variance, for 80 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound during a Green Line Light Rail Transit Shutdown on Friday July 11-Monday July 21, 2025 at 12th Street E and Minnesota Street - Minnesota Street Interlocking and at Rice Street Interlocking at 156 University Ave W. The variance is requested for 24 hours per day for the July 11-21, 2025 dates, noting two to three days of work are needed per site. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for July 11-21, 2025, 24 hours per day for a Metro Transit – LRT Greenline Special Trackwork Shutdown. 2) Metro Transit shall take all practical steps available to minimize the noise levels during this period which do not otherwise unduly hinder the project or unreasonably increase the costs of the project. 3) The applicant shall use best practicable methods for controlling noise, such as, but not limited to noise blankets, shields or portable sound barriers. Construction activities should be scheduled to minimize noise as much as possible. 4) The applicant shall monitor the decibel level from the variance approved distance of each noise source create a report that records the general operating decibel levels within 15 minutes of the start of each work shift and at intervals no greater than 60 minutes apart thereafter. This report shall be made available for viewing by city staff, upon request during the variance or within 30 days thereafter. Applicant shall also conduct a decibel reading during the variance upon request of city staff. 5) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 11:59 p.m. on July 21, 2025.

Submit comments for Public Hearing electronically. The public may comment on public hearing items in person, in writing or via voicemail. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm of the day before the meeting, Tuesday, July 8, 2025, will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council. Comments may be submitted as follows: Written public comment on public hearing items can be submitted to Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us, CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us, or by voicemail at 651-266-6805. Live testimony will be taken in person in the Council Chambers, and by telephone by registering to speak by noon on the day before the meeting.

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

Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: 3rd floor, City Hall Council Chambers

After the public hearing, the Council may grant, deny, or modify the variance request.

If you have questions about the sound level variance, please contact: Barb McMonigal-St.Dennis, Environmental Health Specialist, 651-266-9137, barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us