



April 6, 2026

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

Xcel Energy – Xcel Energy CP RR Crossing at Eagle Parkway and Shepard Infrastructure/Utility Work

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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: On Eagle Parkway from Shepard Road to North Chestnut Street

Noise Source: Jason Alley, Xcel Energy, Principal Distribution Designer, has requested a sound level variance, for 60.6 decibels (dBA) at no specified distance, to present amplified sound with use of general construction/demolition equipment and domestic power tools for the Xcel Energy CP RR Crossing at Eagle Parkway and Shepard infrastructure/utility work project, Thursday, May 7 to Thursday, May 21, 2026, on Eagle Parkway from Shepard Road to North Chestnut Street. The variance is requested for the hours of 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, with continuous operation (twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week) while tunneling through RR Zone A, from Thursday, May 7 to Thursday, May 21, 2026.

The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions:

- 1)** The Variance shall be for the hours of 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for set-up, with continuous operation (twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week) while tunneling through RR Zone A, from Thursday, May 7 to Thursday, May 21, 2026, for the Xcel Energy CP RR Crossing at Eagle Parkway and Shepard infrastructure/utility work project.
- 2)** Xcel Energy 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 monitor the decibel level from the variance approved distance of each noise source and create a report that records the general operating decibel levels within 15 minutes of the start of each performing act and at intervals no greater than 60 minutes apart thereafter. The report shall be made available for viewing by city staff upon request during the variance and within 30 days thereafter. The Applicant shall also conduct a decibel reading during the variance upon request of city staff.
- 4)** All powered equipment such as generators, heavy machinery, pneumatic systems, or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 7:00 pm during set-up, and to minimize noise levels when possible during continuous operation (twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week) while tunneling through RR Zone A, from Thursday, May 7 to Thursday, May 21, 2026, the project dates.

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 on the day before the meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 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 or CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us. Submit a comment 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. The registration link is located on the City Council website at www.stpaul.gov/council or <https://forms.office.com/g/TD3xN7WHy5>.

Members of the public may view City Council meetings online at <https://stpaul.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> or on local cable Channel 18.

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

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Time: 3:30 pm

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 at 651-266-9137 or barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us.