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The Honorable Melvin Carter III
City Council Member, Ward 1
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55102

RE: 35E/Cayuga Project

Dear Council Member Carter,

The Frogtown Neighborhood Association (District 7) is concerned about the progress of the Interstate 35E/ Cayuga Interchange Project. It has become clear that the MN Department of Transportation has not put enough effort in securing complementary amenities to their development and need to give more consideration to a project that will shape our neighborhoods for many decades in the future.

Therefore, we have been working with our neighboring district councils and are offering our support to the following resolution created by the District 6 Planning Council.

Whereas: the District 6 Planning Council recommends that Ramsey County and the City of Saint Paul not enter into, approve or give Municipal Consent with MNDOT regarding the I35E/Cayuga Project until the following items are addressed and included in the Project Plan.

- 1. The project plan does not specify which materials will be used in creating the noise walls and an agreement is reached on the materials, designs and colors to be used on the noise walls*
- 2. A maintenance agreement is entered into specifying that MNDOT is responsible for maintaining both the neighborhood and freeway side of the walls.*
- 3. Maintaining current trail access or replacing trail access with paths which extend beyond Maryland Avenue to Arlington Avenue he proposed trail on the eastern side of the project extend to Arlington Avenue*

Therefore be it resolved that District 6 Planning Council recommends the aforementioned items be included in the MNDT Project Plan prior to approval or that Municipal Consent and County Approval be tabled until such agreements are in place.

Thank you for your consideration. Hopefully, we can find a mutually beneficial solution to this important project.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director