

From: Heidi Schallberg [<mailto:heidils@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 1:12 PM
To: Johnson, Tony (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Support the Snelling Avenue Zoning Study

St. Paul Planning Commissioners:

As a Highland resident, I am writing to you in support of the Snelling Avenue South Zoning Study and ask that you approve and implement the study's recommendations for zoning changes. These changes will support the development of needed multifamily housing and the development of more pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods along the A Line, which has been a great public transit investment in the area.

I also encourage the city to not lose sight of other strategies identified in this study: reducing minimum parking requirements along high-capacity transit lines such as bus rapid transit (i.e. the A Line) and light rail, and the use of accessory units.

While I don't believe it is addressed in this study, the example of the new drive-through at the Starbucks at Snelling and Marshall highlights why drive-throughs should not be allowed in zoning along transit and bicycling corridors. Drive-throughs prioritize drivers over everyone else trying to safely walk, bike, and ride transit in the area and create dangerous conflicts for those outside of vehicles. The Planning Commission needs to ban drive-throughs in transit corridors and along bikeways to truly become the "most livable" city that St. Paul aspires to become.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Heidi Schallberg
706 Miss Rv Blvd S #204
55116

From: Gena Berglund
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 2:38 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Snelling Avenue Zoning Study

I am writing about the Snelling Avenue Zoning Study. I live just outside the study area and I am strongly in favor of the proposed zoning changes.

I have carefully reviewed the study over the past few years and I am pleased that the zoning study will encourage higher-density redevelopment along the busy corridor.

Why is encouraging density important? Because the City needs to grow its property tax base to spread the burden of rising costs of public services over more taxpayers. Because we need to get people out of cars to reduce the carbon footprint and density supports more business close by to where people live and makes it easier to take care of life business on foot, bike or bus.

To further discourage car culture, I also ask that the city to move toward reducing or eliminating parking requirements. I strongly support TOD and believe that developers will build in the parking needed for the uses of that property. Let's let the market work this issue and see if we can get people out of their cars to walk, bike and transit more!

As a forward-looking neighbor in favor of transit-oriented development, safe biking infrastructure and increased housing density, I strongly urge you to support the re-zoning of Snelling as passed by the Planning Commission.

Warm regards, Gena
Gena Berglund
15xx Lincoln Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Susan Legender Clarke
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 1:44 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Snelling South TZ zoning

What is this with the City of Saint Paul that it is (apparently) less concerned with the quality of life of its inhabitants, and more concerned with someone's ability to make a buck? I refer to the high-density proposal of the Snelling / Saint Clair project. This is a single-home neighborhood and to put high(ish) rise apartments in the neighborhood, is, in my opinion, misplaced and misguided, and ultimately will lead to the downgrading of the area.

I like living in Saint Paul and a big reason is that it, for the most part, is people-sized. Let's keep it that way.

Yrs,
Susan Legender Clarke
8xx Laurel Ave

From: carol.zoff@comcast.net [<mailto:carol.zoff@comcast.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 7:17 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7

Cc: 4responsibledevelopment@gmail.com

Subject: PLEASE Vote NO to T3 zoning on Snelling Ave from St. Clair to Ford Parkway

Dear St. Paul City Council, I am unable to attend the pending hearing so am writing again (please see below too) to firmly state my strong opposition to the entire idea of transforming the Mac Groveland segment of Snelling Avenue into the North Loop of Minneapolis.

I moved here because it is predominantly single family, walkable, with many of the amenities and services I want and need. I pay insane taxes as a result.

I am always amazed at how the strong urban forest, with the flutter of leaves and tweeting of trees, can mitigate the traffic noise and air pollution from Snelling. T3 destroys the urban forest and replaces it with an echo chamber of high walls punctuated by much more traffic and parking.

As a woman I am safe as I can be, as are my children. I know my neighbors and we watch out for each other. If you approve the T3 plan we will lose all of what makes Mac Groveland: trees, birds, sun, shade, highly desirable fabric of craftsman style homes and 2 and 3 story apartments, quiet, low crime, small independent businesses, walkable, and safe. Think I am over reaching? Compare our neighborhood with the north loop.

The city planners seem to ignore the positive qualities of our neighborhood and instead have visions of ripping our homes out of the area to be replaced by an urban jungle, block after block filled with five story apartments filled with people who, by plan, have no responsibility to maintain their

surroundings. Instead of single family homes and small apartments our neighborhood is envisioned as a profit center for developers who do not live here and have no connection. Instead of blocks of single family craftsman homeowners our neighbors are replaced and dominated by a transient population with much higher density. The T3 plan is ruinous to MacGroveland!

If the city "needs" density it should place it where it belongs: downtown, the Ford site, the entire length of University Ave, Phalen Blvd, SEARS, the entire length of West 7th, places where it is in scale and where the need for redevelopment is real.

The A-line bus is a transit system improvement that should not lead to ripping the heart and soul out of one of the more successful St. Paul neighborhoods. Please resist this idea and firmly eliminate it from our future. Please send a strong message to our planning staff that T3 is not acceptable in any form in Mac Groveland, EVER!

Sincerely, Carol Zoff

From: Carol Zoff [<mailto:carol.zoff@comcast.net>]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 8:40 PM
To: Kelley, Pattie (CI-StPaul)
Cc: #CI-StPaul_Ward2; 4responsibledevelopment@gmail.com; #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward7; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward6
Subject: RE: Vote NO to T3 zoning on Snelling Ave from St. Clair to Ford Parkway

Dear Pattie and all councilors, I am on the road with little and soon no internet. I am writing you all, again, because the City's reply is so dishonest and dismissive I needed to reach out again. This is my neighborhood and i have been brushed off. Dishonest? Why rezone if the changes proposed to be allowed are not intended? To argue otherwise is not transparent and ignores my very real concerns. I beg the councilors to vote this study's suggestions down. PS Snelling has always been a transit corridor.

From: William Jones [<mailto:willpjones3@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 11:20 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7
Subject: Support for T3 Zoning on Snelling Ave

Dear City Council,

I am writing to support the proposed T3 zoning on Snelling Ave., including the corner of St Clair near my house. I believe high density development can co-exist with single family homes, while improving mass transit, commerce and the tax base. I also hope you will continue to ensure that new developments are inclusive, sustainable and attractive.

Thank you for your attention and your service to the city.
Sincerely, William Jones, 292 Warwick St.

From: laura gustafson [mailto:gustafson_laura@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 12:39 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Snelling south zoning

Hello,

Just a few quick comments on the study that the city council plan to vote on Sept 6th

I live at 1619 Berkeley. We purchased our home in 9/77. Previously, I have lived on Macalester Street, and St. Clair Ave. I am 65 , and have never lived more than 2 blocks from Snelling.

I strongly objected to the 6 story proposed development on St Clair and Snelling. I was very happy to see the city council listened to neighborhood input on that project.

I just looked at all the maps regarding the zoning of S Snelling on your website.

From what I can gather, the thought is to allow homes facing Snelling to be replaced by more dense housing. I can understand that, esp on blocks that already have a mix of business and houses...like Snelling between Randolph and Palace on the east side. Not sure that I agree with Snelling , Jefferson to James on the west side...as those blocks are completely residential.

I think the development of Stanford and Snelling worked out very well. The newer buildings do look great, and did not cause a major change to the character of the neighborhood.

I think if you could work to avoid zero lot line properties build along Snelling, it would really help preserve the neighborhood feel.

I really am not in favor of the T3 on any part of the corner of Snelling and St Clair...T2 seems OK, but I would really favor something set back at least a few feet from the sidewalk.

In short, I would not like to see any T3 on Snelling, beyond any already existing, and would not like to see more zero property line buildings.

Again, I do appreciate that you appear to listen to community input..and do like some of the improvements made on Snelling already.

Laura Gustafson

Dear City Council members,

I am writing to you today as I have been concerned about the Zoning Study taking place with regard to our neighborhood and community. It seems to me that the issues of pedestrian safety, lack of parking, traffic congestion, over-crowding, lack of green space and privacy for neighbors homes adjacent to these properties is taking a back seat to big developers and big money.

We can't let this happen in St. Paul.

Our communities do need affordable, mixed use housing but complexes that are compatible with existing homes and IN PARTNERSHIP with the neighbors and communities. The building heights, size and mass of T3 zoning is unacceptable in a neighborhood like ours.

I urge you to vote NO on September 6th, 2017 to T3 zoning and the Snelling Avenue S Zoning Study.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Mary Sue Hansen, 315 Macalester Street, St. Paul, MN 55105 Marysue.hansen@isd623.org

From: HANSEN, MARY SUE [<mailto:MARYSUE.HANSEN@isd623.org>]

Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 8:38 AM

To: Kelley, Pattie (CI-StPaul)

Cc: HANSEN, MARY SUE

Subject: RE: VOTE NO ON SEPT 6 TO T3 ZONING & THE SNELLING AVE S ZONING STUDY

Thank you for your response to my email Pattie. Please let Councilmember Tolbert know that I think we need to look at developing more eco and neighborhood friendly affordable scattered site housing options.

Mary Sue.

From: HANSEN, MARY SUE [<mailto:MARYSUE.HANSEN@isd623.org>]

Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 2:57 PM

To: Kelley, Pattie (CI-StPaul)

Cc: HANSEN, MARY SUE

Subject: Re: VOTE NO ON SEPT 6 TO T3 ZONING & THE SNELLING AVE S ZONING STUDY

Hi Pattie - I appreciate you sending me more information, but it doesn't change my concerns. I just keep looking at what's happening in my neighborhood without authentic and deep community partnership and I don't like what I see. Starting with CVS going into the lot that Whole Foods was in. Almost every neighbor I know is boycotting that store. No one engaged us in this decision and now we have all of our smaller businesses getting pushed out and redundant big box stores coming in. That's not good for our community.

Then we have all the traffic and congestion of Whole Foods. It's very difficult to even shop there because they overbuilt on that land and they even have some in-house parking. Imagine what it would mean with the type of complexes that are now being considered for rezoning without parking!

I am not in favor of re-zoning and I don't believe the transit corridor justifies it. I live 1 block from Snelling and I know this will wreak havoc for my neighborhood. Saying that the 'owners' don't have to do anything if they don't want to is a smokescreen because we all know that if these big developers will give these 'owners' a proposal they can't refuse, there goes our quaint, quiet and community orientated neighborhood.

I am sorry, but I don't buy what's being sold. I am very concerned if our council members are supporting these large, big money developers at the expense of community members who have lived here all our adult lives and contribute huge tax bases. The people need to come first and I am not sensing the priorities are in the right order with these re-zoning studies. Respectfully submitted, Mary Sue Hansen.

From: Michele Wadenstierna [<mailto:mwadenstierna@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2017 4:14 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7

Subject: Re: Snelling South Zoning Study and T3 zoning

please vote No to these proposals. Snelling South should remain a low profile neighborhood.

Michele Wadenstierna

From: CARRIE.BITTNER@spps.org [<mailto:CARRIE.BITTNER@spps.org>]

Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 7:37 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-

StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7

Subject: Vote on T3 zoning and Study

Good morning. I am a homeowner and long time resident of St. Paul. I have lived and worked in the city for most of my life. The "big city with the small town feel" is a home I am proud of because of its many closely-knit neighborhoods that function as supportive, positive communities. **I am writing to ask, no actually beg, you to vote no on September 6th to T3 zoning on Snelling Avenue South and the to vote no the Zoning Study changes.** The immediate and long term negative impacts T2 and T3 zoning changes in our area are staggering. The increase in density would destroy the current state and feel of our neighborhoods, they would increase traffic with its concurrent negative environmental affects, and raise pedestrian safety risks. One portion of the study even proposes to not allow any more front facing houses on Snelling! In short, these changes seek to destroy most everything that makes these neighborhoods the wonderful places they are. The residents of these areas have repeatedly voiced their objections to these changes. We have had to meet challenge after challenge brought to our area by developers and city groups. As recently as last month we fought against another request for high density construction which the City Council thankfully voted down. Our voice with your support protected our community! No one has changed their mind on these important issues in the last weeks. Why is this same question being brought repeatedly when the community has clearly stated their desire to maintain the current levels and types of housing? You are our voice in these proceedings. You are our strength against those who are looking to make money for themselves or who would force a different vision and reality on the taxpayers, homeowners, and neighbors who actually live here. Please vote no on the zoning changes and stop this attack on our community. Sincerely,
Catherine Bittner - Laurel Ave. - St. Paul, MN 55104

From: CARRIE.BITTNER@spps.org [mailto:CARRIE.BITTNER@spps.org]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 8:44 AM

To: Kelley, Pattie (CI-StPaul)

Cc: #CI-StPaul_Ward7; #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; CARRIE.BITTNER@spps.org; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward2

Subject: RE: Vote on T3 zoning and Study

Pattie, Thank you for your reply. It is a positive sign to have my comments acknowledged! To be clear, the change in rezoning of Snelling makes the pathway to all of our communities' concerns that much easier to be taken. It allows single owners/out of area developers looking to mke money/and city groups determined to radically change our neighborhood, an easy way to change the character of our neighborhoods. This power needs to be left in the hands of the citizens that have worked to create. The current restrictions are in keeping with the current surrounding neighborhoods. It allows us, the citizens and community members of the immediate and contiguous areas, a tool to protect our neighborhood and to make sure we are always aware of any requested changes. As a group concerned with safety, traffic issues (that are already present), population density, and land use, we need as many tools in our toolbox as possible. As these changes affect our entire area, the entire area's voices need to help decide its future. So where you say in your email that a rezoning does not immediately change a building, it absolutely does encourage the change down the line. I believe firmly that this is a long term game. "They" won't change anything right now. But "they" have asked for the changes as recently as last month. To ask us to believe that these changes won't start to happen quickly is unrealistic. If the zoning changes are made, "they" will come. And without the need for variances, the neighborhood will be much less likely to know of proposed development and will not have the same opportunity to examine requested changes. One might ask if that isn't the point of these changes in the first place. And once again, I am asking that Councilman Tolbert will vote no to the

Zoning study changes. It further reduces the voice and power of the community being affected. Thank you, Carrie Bittner 1496 Laurel Ave St. Paul

From: Mark Peterson [<mailto:markspeterson@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 4:21 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Snelling Avenue South Zoning study

Dear City Council Member, My email is to ask that you vote NO and oppose the final adoption of the Snelling Avenue South Zoning Study being presented on September 6, 2017. The study and recommendations that it allows need further review and public input to ensure that citizen concerns and the long term health/viability of the city are fully taken into consideration. Thank you for considering local residents and voters first. Mark Peterson 396 Macalester St. St. Paul, MN 55105

From: Donohue [<mailto:bluesky01@goldengate.net>]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 4:56 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Cc: #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7
Subject: Vote No to T3

I strongly oppose high density developments in neighborhoods that are more desirable for their sense of community, especially Mac-Groveland. I urge you to Vote NO on September 6 to T3 zoning and NO to the Snelling Avenue South Zoning Study. Let's keep what made this area popular enough to even draw this kind of zoning study! Vote NO. Thank you. Susan Donohue 1800 Stanford St. Paul

From: Sue Jacobson [<mailto:sue.jacobson@mnsword.com>]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 7:24 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6
Subject: vote NO

Please vote no on 9/6 to T3 zoning and vote no to the Snelling Avenue zoning study. Save our community! Susan Jacobson 1511 Sargent Avenue St. Paul, MN 55105

From: Rich Jacobson [<mailto:rich.jacobson@mnsword.com>]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 7:31 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7
Subject: Rezoning of Snelling Avenue

Dear council member, Please vote no on the rezoning of Snelling Avenue to T3 and oppose the Snelling Avenue South Zoning Study. Your vote will be cast on Sept. 6. Thank you. Rich Jacobson, 1511 Sargent Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105-2332

From: Cathy [<mailto:cgmccall@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 8:36 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Snelling Ave zoning

Hello, I live in MacGroveland, near the intersection of Snelling and St Clair Avenues. I am writing to ask that you please oppose the zoning study. I have multiple concerns, including the proposed is incompatible with our neighborhoods character, safety issues, traffic and parking concerns are a few. I am fully supporative of a change, as what is there now is an eye-sore and adds no value to our community. I would love to see a 3 story building that is in a style consistent with MacGrovelands charm. Thank you for support,
Sincerely, Cathy McCallister 1464 Sargent Ave St Paul MN 55105

From: Sameer Mangal [<mailto:mangal.sameer@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 9:38 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3; 4responsibledevelopment@gmail.com; #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7
Subject: Vote no to T3 zoning and to Snelling Ave South zoning study

City Council Members, I urge you to vote "NO" to T3 zoning and to the Snelling Ave South zoning study.

Higher housing density on Snelling Ave will contribute to traffic congestion, air pollution, lower sunlight and lower quality of living for the current and future residents of the neighborhood. The beneficiaries will be the real estate development companies who will walk away after selling properties and leave the problems to the residents of the neighborhood. What are the benefits of changing zoning to the long term residents of the neighborhood? The goal of the neighborhood should be sustainability, not growth, We are not a corporation which must maximize profits. We need not maximize taxes through higher density housing. If we must maximize taxes there are many other neighborhoods in St Paul that can benefit from real estate development and higher housing density. As an active voter I thank you for representing my voice on the city council. Sameer Mangal

Dear Jane,

It was so nice to see you at O'Gara's last week. We wish we had more time to visit with you

We are writing to ask you to vote NO on Snelling Avenue Zoning on September 6th. Holly and I oppose the T3 and T2 Zoning. We feel this type of zoning will eliminate too many single family homes and destroy our wonderful St. Paul neighborhoods.

Jane, thank you for your time. We hope to see you soon.

Best Wishes Always,

Jerry and Holly Farrell
1553 Palace Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

Dear St. Paul City Council Member,

Please vote no on 9/6 to T3 zoning and the Snelling Avenue South Zoning Study for the following reasons:

not compatible with existing homes and buildings parking concerns and traffic increase no maximum footprint allows very large buildings minimal setbacks and inadequate green space reduction of the diversity of structures on Snelling incentivizes high density buildings out of scale and incompatible with our neighborhoods unique character overcrowding traffic congestion pedestrian safety lack of sunlight, green space and privacy for adjacent homes diminish property values

Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Schirber
1605 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105

From: M Ryan [<mailto:michaelpatryan@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 2:19 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: T3 Zoining

Dear Councilmember Tolbert: It seems that no matter how many times we write this keeps coming back. It is as if it will continue until something gives way. T3 is way too tall for Snelling and Saint Clair. The traffic there is already atrocious due to the fact that MnDOT controls Snelling and the City controls Saint Clair. However, since Snelling is a trunk highway the State has the real control. I live on Saratoga and many vehicles waiting for the LONG light on Snelling turn down Saratoga. It is a residential street with children playing. It is not a thoroughfare. Making it one-way could help but having a high rise on Snelling will only exacerbate the problem. Further parking is a problem already on Saratoga. Mastel's Health Foods has a sign directing people to park on Saratoga. The store is on Saint Clair. We are not their parking lot. This is in addition to the rentals units that do not provide off-street parking. It is just a mess. I am concerned with the crime rate in the neighborhood that will surely increase. I

live at 292 So Saratoga. I have raised my family here and lived in my house for 33 years. I was committed to Saint Paul but believe me, that is waning. I must say my wife and I feel our needs are never considered and our investment in Saint Paul is being DEVALUED by some of these decisions. I do expect to hear back from you. Sincerely, Michael Ryan 292 Saratog

From: Matthew Bruun [<mailto:matt@bhb advisors.com>]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 3:46 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward7; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward2

Subject: Opposition to Snelling Avenue South Zoning Study and T3 rezoning

Dear City Council Members – I would like to be on record as in opposition to Snelling Avenue South Zoning Study, recommending T3, T2 and T1 zoning for many locations. I urge the City Council to both vote NO on 9/6 and vote NO to T3 rezoning . My family resides on Goodrich Avenue. We have been there since 2007 and have 2 young children. I am concerned about both the increase in traffic, continued decrease to our sunlight due to the higher structures, and the safety of our children. Please take into consideration my request to not rezone this location. Sincerely, Matthew Bruun 1540 Goodrich Avenue St Paul, MN 55105

From: Jerry Farrell [<mailto:jerry.farrell24@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 3:57 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Snelling Avenue South Zoning Study & T3 Zoning

Dear Chris, Please vote NO to the Snelling Avenue Zoning on September 6th. My wife, Holly, and I oppose the T3 and T2 Zoning and The Snelling Avenue Zoning Study. We feel this type of Zoning will eliminate single family homes and destroy our wonderful St. Paul neighborhoods. Thank you for your time. We hope you will hear your neighbors and fellow citizens and vote No to this type of zoning. Sincerely,

Jerry and Holly Farrell

1553 Palace Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55105

651-367-4668

From: Donohue [<mailto:bluesky01@goldengate.net>]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 6:00 PM

To: Kelley, Pattie (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Re: Vote No to T3

Pattie, thanks so much for your informative letter. I agree that rezoning doesn't necessarily mean that buildings would be torn down or developed, but it allows developers the opportunity to do so, and they seem to lean that way. I am not even a native St. Paulite, having only lived here since 1984, but I feel I'm watching the charm and appeal of this neighborhood and city disappear to unpopular growth. Thanks for the link. Have seen it before but still rather confusing. Best wishes, Susan

From: Rich Jacobson [<mailto:rich.jacobson@mnsword.com>]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 6:28 PM

To: Kelley, Pattie (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Re: Rezoning of Snelling Avenue

Councilman Tolbert, Regarding the South Snelling Zoning, I do not want a high density of population and the added traffic on St Clair and Snelling. St Paul is nice with out making it a high density city. Thank you.

Rich Jacobson,
1511 Sargent Ave.
St Paul, MN 55105

From: Therese Sexe [<mailto:sexehage@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 6:42 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward7; #CI-StPaul_Ward4

Subject: Snelling Avenue Zoning Study

Dear Members of the Saint Paul City Council, I am writing to express my opposition to the Snelling Avenue Zoning Study. I oppose T3 zoning on South Snelling Avenue, and I oppose the Zoning Study as written.

- The original Zoning Study calls for only moderate density increases south of the Soo Line Rail Spur, so T3 zoning should not be recommended for South Snelling Avenue.
- Snelling Avenue South is almost entirely B2 community business and residential. The Zoning Study recommends only T1 and T2 in this case. T3 should NOT be recommended for this area.
- The increase in high density development adds stress to dated infrastructure.
- The rezoning proposal increases the need for added resources of police, fire, schools, and public health resources, which do not appear to be taken into consideration.
- Please take these considerations to heart.

Therese Sexe
Stanford Avenue

From: Tammy Meister [<mailto:tmeister51@gmail.com>]

Sent: onday, August 28, 2017 9:48 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7

Subject: Snelling Zoning sutdy design

Please vote no on Sept 6 to the T3 zoning and no to the snelling Ave south zoning study. I both live and have businesses in these areas and there is way to much traffic, (no way for pedestrians to cross safely) , lack of green space, and diminishing property values
Sincerely, Tammy Meister

From: John H. Driggs [<mailto:driggs@cpinternet.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 4:30 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: South Snelling Development

Dear CouncilPerson, I am a resident of Ward 3(1678 Lincoln Ave. St. Paul, MN 55105) and have been for 30 years. I am writing to ask you to vote NO on 9/6/17 to the T3 Zoning on Snelling Avenue South and oppose the Snelling Avenue South Zoning Study. My wife and I are regular voters. We do not want to live with more traffic congestion, overcrowding and a decrease of neighborhood values. We have always loved the small town feel of St. Paul and moved to our neighborhood for that reason. I grew up in New York City and know all too well about the anonymity and congestion of big city life. Please keep Snelling the way it is. Losing single family homes and green space due to over building and corporate greed is not what St. Paul stands for. Please consider our request with the seriousness that it is due for many generations to come. We will retire and move on but the generations of neighbors for years to come will be affected by your decision. Thank you for your consideration and work on the Council, John H. and Bonnie J. Driggs.

From: Charles Decker [<mailto:chdecker3@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 7:16 PM
To: Tolbert, Chris (CI-StPaul)
Cc: mamcmahon03 .
Subject: Riverview corridor

Hello Councilmember Chris Tolbert,

This is Charles Decker, a St. Paul resident at 2106 Eleanor Ave. I see you are on the Riverview Corridor Policy Advisory Committee. I would like to share with you my opinions about the current proposals.

Today (8-16-17), I talked with Kevin from the Riverview Corridor study/Ramsey County. I was surprised that they weren't knowledgeable about the original proposal for the B-Line which was to be like the current A-Line but the B-Line would travel down West Seventh to the Mall of America. They said they were not familiar on the specifics of the B-Line. They could not tell me

the difference between the original B-Line and the BRT for the Riverview Corridor. I had to come home and look it up for myself.

I've put links to my references for the facts presented here at the bottom of this email:

B-Line BRT: \$28 million start up cost; Running time: 34 minutes

BRT Riverview corridor style: \$75 million start up cost; Running time: 39 minutes

Streetcar: \$1 billion and very slow at 43-44 minutes

I don't know what extra amenities that 50 million would get because they couldn't tell me. The most important part is the five minutes difference between the B-Line and the Riverview BRT. Not to mention the nine additional minutes it would take the streetcar to cover the same distance.

I am a transit supporter and user and think transit is very important for St. Paul and the region. I don't feel this is going to be a transit project benefiting transit users if the streetcar option is chosen.

There are two things that are important for building transit ridership: frequency and speed. The streetcar does not deliver the speed. There's a reason why the streetcar was dumped in the 1950s — high cost to maintain and it slowed down all street traffic. To recommend the streetcar makes the proposal seem like it's a development project that is using transit as a cover. I feel like this study is a sham to justify streetcar when it doesn't even use the original B-Line BRT numbers. Let alone the million and a half to study this topic again for the second time.

To invest large dollars in the region's transit system is a good thing, but I think we can be more efficient on how we do it. If BRT is really \$75 million for a line, let's have two lines, one from St. Paul to MOA and the other from 46 street station through the Ford plan and to downtown St. Paul. And if you want real estate development, then invest \$500 million along West Seventh straight out.

More funds are needed for development of regular routes to give frequency and speed to the whole system. That's the elephant in the room — dedicated funding for the operation of the transit system. It's easier to get capital dollars for building infrastructure but the operation of bus service is a bigger issue.

Bottom line, I endorse the Riverview Corridor #2 Arterial BRT — cost-effective, easily added onto for a fraction of the price.

I would like to know how you will vote on this important subject.

Thank you for your consideration,
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