

January 24, 2019

Mike Richardson
City of Saint Paul
Dept. of Planning and Economic Development
25 W. Fourth Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mike;

On January 23rd, 2019, the Housing and Land Use Committee (“HLU”) of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council (“MGCC”) held a public meeting, at which it considered the proposed amendments to the *Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan* (amendments proposed by Ryan Companies, Zoning File # 18-117-067). Tony Barranco, Senior Vice President of Real Estate Development with Ryan Companies, has appeared to discuss the project with the HLU on two separate occasions, appeared again to speak to the proposed amendments and to answer questions.

After speaking with the Tony Barranco, considering neighborhood feedback, consulting the Macalester-Groveland Long Range plan, and assessing the merits of the amendments, the HLU passed the following resolutions with a vote of 8-6, and 14-0, respectively:

1. **“The Macalester-Groveland Community Council supports Ryan Companies in all of its requests for amendments to the Ford Site master plan.”**
2. **“Whereas the Ryan Companies current plan for the Ford Site contains NO bus/transit stations and/or bus/transit routes nor does the layout incorporate residence and business access to transit,**

And Whereas higher density, affordable housing residents require access to transit for employment and senior residents require access to transit for care,

And Whereas transit orientation guides 21st century development project, targeting key demographics young adults and retirees seeking a “less driving / less car dependent” lifestyle.

And Whereas, transit oriented development is consistent with the City of Saint Paul’s draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan,

Therefore, Be it resolved, that MGCC requests the City of Saint Paul and Ryan Companies engage Metro Transit in discussions to prioritize appropriate transit capacity within the site and to include routes sufficient for citywide connectivity throughout the site and to incorporate specific transit infrastructure in future site plans."

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading "Britta Sherrill", is displayed on a light yellow rectangular background.

Britta Sherrill
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Macalester-Groveland Community Council

cc (via email): Ward 3, City of Saint Paul
Tony Barranco, Ryan Companies US Inc.
Kathy Carruth, Highland District Council