

July 2, 2021

The Honorable Melvin Carter
Mayor, City of Saint Paul
15 Kellogg Boulevard West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

RE: Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit Oriented Development Pre-Development Grant Award

Dear Mayor Carter,

I am pleased to inform you that the Metropolitan Council has awarded the City of Saint Paul a Livable Communities Demonstration Account - Transit Oriented Development (LCDAs-TOD) Pre-Development grant in the amount of \$52,500 for the 990 Payne Ave project.

This project was among those that best met several goals in a competitive selection process. The process favors projects that create walkable, moderate to high density development served by frequent transit with a mix of housing, retail and employment choices designed to allow people to live and work without need of a personal automobile, and advance the goals of *Thrive MSP 2040*, the Council's comprehensive development guide.

The Livable Communities grants administrator, Josiah Waderich, will draft grant agreements for the city's review within the next few weeks. The grant agreement will specify payment procedures and reporting requirements. If you have questions about the grant administration procedures, please contact Josiah at josiah.waderich@metc.state.mn.us.

Congratulations on your successful application. The Metropolitan Council is pleased to assist local communities through its Livable Communities programs with projects that help achieve both local and regional goals.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Zelle
Chair, Metropolitan Council

CC: Kristin Guild, Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development, City of Saint Paul
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