

# REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



**To:** MAYOR & COUNCIL

**Agenda Item #:** IX. A.

**From:** Debra Mangen  
City Clerk

**Date:** February 3, 2015

**Subject:** Correspondence

**Action**   
**Discussion**   
**Information**

**Action Requested:**

No action is necessary.

**Attachment:**

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

Mr. James Hovland, Mayor  
4801 W. 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Edina, Minnesota, 55424  
January 17, 2015

Dear Mr. Hovland

I reside at 6424 Nordic Circle which places our home and neighborhood in Valley Estates. We live west of the flood plain, east of Gleason Road, below the school property, and flanking the western side of Creek Valley Road.

I am writing to you out of grave concern for our neighborhood should the decision be made to extend Creek Valley Road to the proposed new Activity Center. My reasons are enumerated below.

All children in our neighborhood walk to school, using Creek Valley Road as their route not only to attend the grade school, but also the middle and high school. The most direct route to the middle and high school both from our neighborhood and Indian Hills is along Creek Valley and then through the fields and up the hill. Children frequently use the streets to walk to the soccer fields, the sliding hill, and playground. **It is extremely difficult to understand how opening the road and preparing parking lots that would be in use not only during the day, but also evenings and weekends, would be in the best interests of your children and families. I think it places the present and future young people that attend Edina schools at risk.**

Parents drop off and pick up their children at Creek Valley School each school day, temporarily creating long lines of cars on both sides of Creek Valley, Nordic Circle, and Gleason Road. We try to avoid using those streets around 8:45-9:15 am and 3:30-4:00pm because it is often hard to see the walkers along the street.

Traffic associated with reconstruction and remodeling impact the safety and ease of travel down our roads. While this is an inconvenience for several months, it validates that Creek Valley Road was not designed for ease of travel outside of what is generated by the neighborhood.

In recent years, the Soccer Association has practices, games, and tournaments on city fields. Traffic generated is heavy, as parents drop children off for practices and park in our neighborhoods for games. The Police Department needed to post one side of the street as "no parking" so that emergency vehicles could travel on them and that neighbors could exit their driveways.

**We urge you to not allow Creek Valley Road to be extended. If both construction and future traffic pass along a route heavily used by children, it will make the road unsafe for walkers.**

Records will show that our roads were recently rebuilt at considerable expense to the homeowners and the city. The neighbors bore the costs of construction. The school did not offer to contribute to that considerable expense.

The school property borders the wetlands and Nine Mile Creek. Previous school improvements had to address the run-off created by hard surfaces. We trust the same attention to a green space and a natural resource will be given to protect those spaces- whatever the school decides to do.

We have lived in our home for over forty years. This has always been considered a highly desirable neighborhood and homes that go on the market are sold quickly. Our home has been kept in excellent repair and is our greatest asset. It would be reasonable to assume that the next owner will make some modifications and updates that would increase its value and tax base. But if the neighborhood is degraded by steady traffic and activities, I would expect the value to depreciate. This would not serve the city well. However, I write out of concern for the well-being of families and students, not monetary motives.

Thank you for your consideration. We have always appreciated the quality of life in Edina and the excellent education received by our children and grandchildren. We would like to be supportive of the school. However, a meeting was not called with this neighborhood until one week before the school board vote, and long after general plans had been formulated. This does not lead to trust and good will.

Thank you for letting me address my concerns. I urge you to act in the best interest of the students and families in our neighborhood, to include their safety in your decisions, to monitor carefully the plans for Creek Valley Road, and to protect current and future children and students from heavy traffic and its related dangers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanna Swanson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Joanna Swanson

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Tony Skunberg <tonyskunberg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 3:00 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Please vote NO tonight for the 7200 France Amendments

City Council,

I am a resident of the neighborhood west of this project and live on Belvidere Lane. I support the development of the 7200 site, but feel the current proposal not being in compliance with the city's comprehensive plan requires the council to vote no.

This project is too large for the site and needs to be scaled down. Also, please reconsider blocking off 72nd street to slow the cut-through traffic in the neighborhood as part of this development. 70th street is a parking lot during rush hour and many people cut through the neighborhood to get over to France. Adding residential at this site and keeping 72nd open will only increase the cut through. Thanks in advance for protecting our neighborhoods.

Tony Skunberg  
4509 Belvidere Lane

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**From:** Sara Kaufman <sara.kaufman08@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 6:34 PM  
**To:** Joseph Totten  
**Cc:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** Re: Edina Traffic Safety Request

Hi Joseph,

I've been meaning to write to thank you - on behalf of the Concord Elementary parents - for all your work in helping to make the school Walking Zone on 59th street actually walkable. While sidewalks in this busy public area are still our long-term goal, your work to ban on-street parking on 59th, between Concord and Ashcroft Aves, has made a HUGE positive difference for both our walkers, and the general driveability of the intersection at school rush hours. Our kids, who have no bus option, no longer have to walk down the *middle* of a busy, bottle-necked road to get to and from school, and the buses can actually make a turn without having to jockey back and forth. We still have issues with a few repeat offenders who beat the parking restriction by idling in their cars in the restricted zone, (thus, leaving the same bottle neck), but we're off to a great start.

Thank you!  
Sara Kaufman  
5841 St. John's Ave.

On Fri, Oct 3, 2014 at 10:25 AM, Joseph Totten <[jtotten@edinamn.gov](mailto:jtotten@edinamn.gov)> wrote:

Hello,

The Edina Traffic Safety Committee has reviewed your request for improvements to safety for children walking along 59<sup>th</sup> Street near Concord School. Staff recommends asking the Edina School District to move bus routes to 58<sup>th</sup> Street, where there are sidewalks, and restricting parking from Concord to Ashcroft on the south side of the street during school days.

If you would like to speak further to this matter you may address the Edina Transportation Commission on October 16<sup>th</sup> or the City Council on November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

Regards,

**Joseph Totten, Traffic Safety Coordinator**



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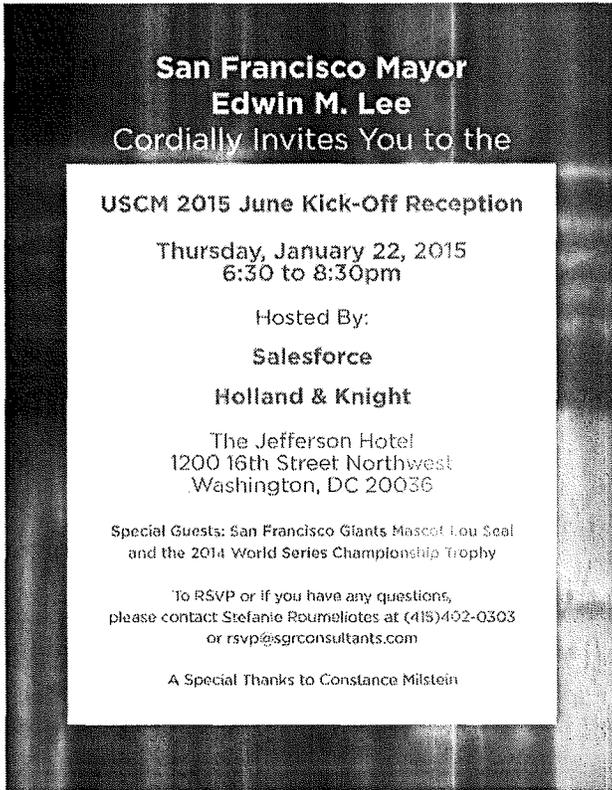
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**From:** RSVP <rsvp@sgrconsultants.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 6:39 PM  
**Subject:** Mayor Lee's USCM Reception This Thursday  
**Attachments:** USCM Kick-Off Reception Invitation.pdf



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**From:** Shelly Elmore <tcb@readexsurvey.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015 9:42 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** We Need Your Help

Dear James Hovland:

A few days ago you should have received an email from me, asking for your help with a simple survey about your awareness and opinions of local resources for Twin Cities Business magazine.

As a sincere thanks for your participation, once you have completed the survey, you can enter into a drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card that can be used like cash anywhere Visa is accepted.

We are expecting no more than 500 responses so your odds in the drawing are very good.

Please take a few minutes now to let us know your opinions by completing this simple survey:

[?http://www.readexweb.net/tcb/survey.asp?12445MSM](http://www.readexweb.net/tcb/survey.asp?12445MSM)

And, all your answers will be kept confidential by the research company. They will not be used for any other purpose.

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to help us better serve you.

Sincerely,

Shelly Elmore  
Publisher  
Twin Cities Business Magazine

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We apologize if this correspondence reached you in error. This contact was selected by Readex Research from a list provided by Twin Cities Business for the purpose of this survey only. Readex adheres to ethical practices, and respects your rights of privacy and choice. To be eliminated from additional contact from Readex on behalf of this survey sponsor, please go here - <http://www.readexsurvey.com/drop.htm?edinamail@edinamn.gov> or reply with the following as the subject: drop [edinamail@edinamn.gov](mailto:edinamail@edinamn.gov)

Readex Research  
2251 Tower Drive W  
Stillwater, MN 55082  
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**From:** deborahjopp@gmail.com on behalf of Deborah Jopp <deborah@metroblooms.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015 11:20 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Announcing Metro Blooms Raingarden Workshop in Bloomington February 14!

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Although the heart of winter, we are already getting a head start on our raingarden workshop season! Hosted by Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Nine Mile Creek Watershed District and the City of Bloomington our first one will be on February 14th in Bloomington! Join us to learn ways to help keep our lakes and rivers clean and recharge our precious groundwater while creating a beautiful and bee/butterfly-friendly habitat in your yard! And if you've already been our guest before, please help us spread the word by forwarding this email to your family and friends - about 20% of attendees have heard about our workshop from a family or friend. Thanks for helping to spread the word!

### **Raingardens and Beyond: Clean Water, Healthy Habitats**

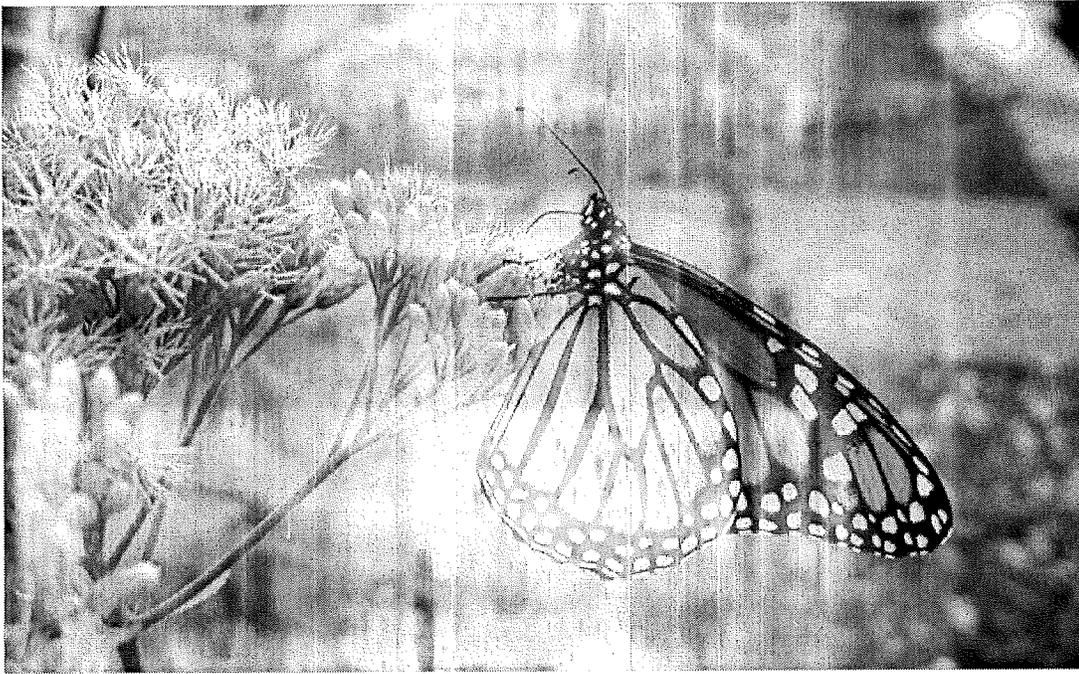
Participants will get an overview of raingardens and native plants and receive recommendations for their property with one-on-one assistance from Metro Blooms landscape designers and Hennepin County Master Gardeners. Also learn about various cost-share programs in your watershed and how you can apply.

Saturday, February 14

8:30--11:30 AM

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church , 2200 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN

\$15. Register by visiting [metroblooms.org](http://metroblooms.org) or call [651-699-2426](tel:651-699-2426)



**Deborah Jopp**  
Administrative Assistant

Metro Blooms  
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**From:** Mark Manfred <markjulie44@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015 2:39 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** council meeting

To: Jim Hovland  
From: Julie Manfred

Mayor Hovland,

Concerning the 72nd and France project:

-although the project does not directly affect us, I was disappointed in the result. I liked the architecture of the condo project but had some concerns: density, traffic. I felt the traffic problem was dealt with and decreasing the height of the SW corner was a good idea. The problem was that those most affected could not express their opinions; hence, two council members voted to support the neighborhood's previous objections.

Density: was it not possible to decrease the percent of subsidized housing? If so, maybe the density of the housing could have been decreased even more.

This area has its share of lower income housing. Why not decrease the percent and have a project that would be a good addition to Edina. Now, a medical building? Really? That's not good for the Cornelia community or for the beauty and functionality of France Ave. I am not aware of any pre-planning with the Cornelia neighborhood and any ongoing communications but I know we were not included. In the future a task force with all stake holders should be formed (if it wasn't).

Another subject: Hennepin County Library.

I read that it may be closed to allow the expensive land to be used for other purposes (probably more high density housing). This would be very unfortunate for the surrounding communities. If you have any input on this, I would hope that you would adamantly disagree with this proposal. An educated public is very important.

Thank you for being our mayor and for listening. J-

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**From:** Wilharm, Katie <WilharmK@Vikings.nfl.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2015 2:59 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** LTC Government Day

Mayor Hovland –

I'm reaching out to you on behalf of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber regarding Leadership Twin Cities. We are currently planning our Government Day which will be held on **Thursday, February 12** at the Stassen Building in St. Paul.

We are hoping to have a panel from the Regional Council of Mayors and we're wondering if you would like to be part of it. The panel would take place at approximately 3pm (last about an hour). The topic(s) of the panel discussion will depend on which Mayors participate.

Leadership Twin Cities is comprised of roughly 55 participants from various for-profit and non-profit businesses in the Twin Cities. For more information please visit the following website:

<http://www.minneapolischamber.org/pages/LeadershipTwinCities>

Please let me know if you have any questions. I hope you can participate!

Thank you,



### Katie Wilharm

Marketing Partnerships Coordinator | Minnesota Vikings Football, LLC  
1010 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 500 | Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415  
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January 22, 2015

Mr. James Hovland  
Mayor  
City of Edina  
4801 West 50th Street  
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mayor Hovland,

On behalf of the University of Minnesota, I'm writing to invite you to be reappointed as a member of the Advisory Board for the Transportation Policy and Economic Competitiveness Program (TPEC). We believe that your leadership and contributions in transportation and economic competitiveness issues in Minnesota make you an excellent candidate to provide guidance for this program.

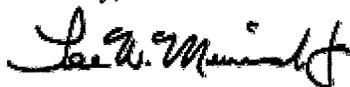
TPEC is an initiative of the State and Local Policy Program (SLPP) at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. Established in 2013, the program performs research, outreach and education around transportation and its connection to economic competitiveness. The TPEC program will seek to further articulate how improvements in technology, finance, and industry cluster strategies can impact the region. The results will have the potential to inform the methods that MnDOT and its partners use to engage stakeholders, analyze investments and approach programming. Ultimately, all users of Minnesota's transportation system should benefit through a more efficient and productive transportation system that is a key contributor to the economic vitality of the state and the region. TPEC is funded by the Minnesota Legislature and includes collaboration with MnDOT and the Center for Transportation Studies (CTS).

Advisory Board members are expected to attend biannual meetings to provide direction to program activities, learn about ongoing research, and shape overall goals and strategies.

As confirmation of your acceptance to be reappointed as an Advisory Board member, we would appreciate your completion of the enclosed acceptance form. The next meeting of the Advisory Board will be in February 2015, with the exact date and time based on member schedules. Should you accept our invitation, SLPP staff will contact you in the future to determine your availability.

I hope you will accept our invitation to continue your work on the TPEC Advisory Board. We would be honored for you to continue shaping this important and lasting initiative. Please feel free to contact me at 612-625-7357 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Lee Munnich  
Director, State and Local Policy Program

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Tim Savaloja <tsavaloja@colonialchurch.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 23, 2015 11:02 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Cc:** Daniel Harrell  
**Subject:** Support of Beekeeping in Edina

The Honorable Mayor Hovland and Members of the City Council

The purpose of this email is to express our support for the beekeeping amendments to the City code, and to also express our sincere gratitude for your work and consideration of this important change.

We are aware of the gentle strains of bees now available and would like to play a small part in stemming the dramatic decline in the bee population by hosting two hives on the Colonial Church property. Our plans include using the hives to educate our members, especially children, about the merits of having healthy bee populations nearby.

We assure you we will follow the ordinance fully, and will provide a healthy environment for the bees on a secluded portion of our property. In addition, we have already benefited from the expertise of apiarists from the University of Minnesota as we develop our plan. We have been advised that Italian bees are particularly gentle and have decided to order accordingly.

Again, thank you for your work to make this a reality.

Respectfully,

Timothy Savaloja	Rev. Daniel Harrell
Dir. Finance & Operations	Senior Minister
Colonial Church	Colonial Church

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**From:** Suzie Nakasian <suzienakasian@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 23, 2015 2:10 PM  
**Cc:** David Bly; Sen. Kevin Dahle; Galen  
**Subject:** REGIONAL RAIL UPDATE  
**Attachments:** Inter-City Regional Passenger Rail Route Options form So Central MN through Northfield to the Twin Cities Metro(11).png; SUGGESTED LETTER TO MNDOT.doc; Connection to Amtrak.pdf

### **Support for South Central Minnesota-Twin Cities Inter-City Regional Passenger Rail Service Through Northfield**

#### **Progress Update:**

As of today, eleven regional cities, two counties and a dozen additional regional stakeholders have written to MnDot to support our request that the **South Central Minnesota to Twin Cities Rail Corridor through Northfield Rail Corridor** be designated as a "Tier One" project in the State's revised Rail Plan. "Tier One" status is requested for the purpose of preliminary evaluative study of the corridor for inter-city regional passenger rail service on *existing* rail lines through Northfield. Two routes are proposed for study (see attached map).

**NEW MNDot Project Deadline:** Official letters to MnDot must be submitted by (new deadline): **March 10, 2015!** (A sample letter text is attached to this email). In addition to official letters, regional residents and stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments and suggestions about the Rail Plan via MnDot's [Rail Plan Website](#).

#### **UPCOMING MEETING for Regional Leaders:**

**SAVE THE DATE: Monday, February 2, 2015, 3:00-5:00 pm.** for our next project briefing for regional city/county officials and administrators! The meeting will feature presentations by **Dave Christianson** and **Dan Krom of the MnDot Rail Office** on feedback received from around the State, and discussion of potential next steps for our regional rail initiative.

The Feb 2 Regional Leaders meeting will be held in the Weitz Center for Creativity, Carleton College, 320 Third Street East, Northfield, MN Larson Room (Room #234). A MnDot Rail Plan Public Open House for the general public will follow in the same room from 5:00-7:00pm.

A formal invitation and agenda will follow in a second email from Rep. David Bly next week. **SAVE THE DATE FEB 2** to join us!

Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information concerning our regional rail initiative, or if I can assist your efforts on its behalf.

Thank you for your consideration and support!  
Sincerely,

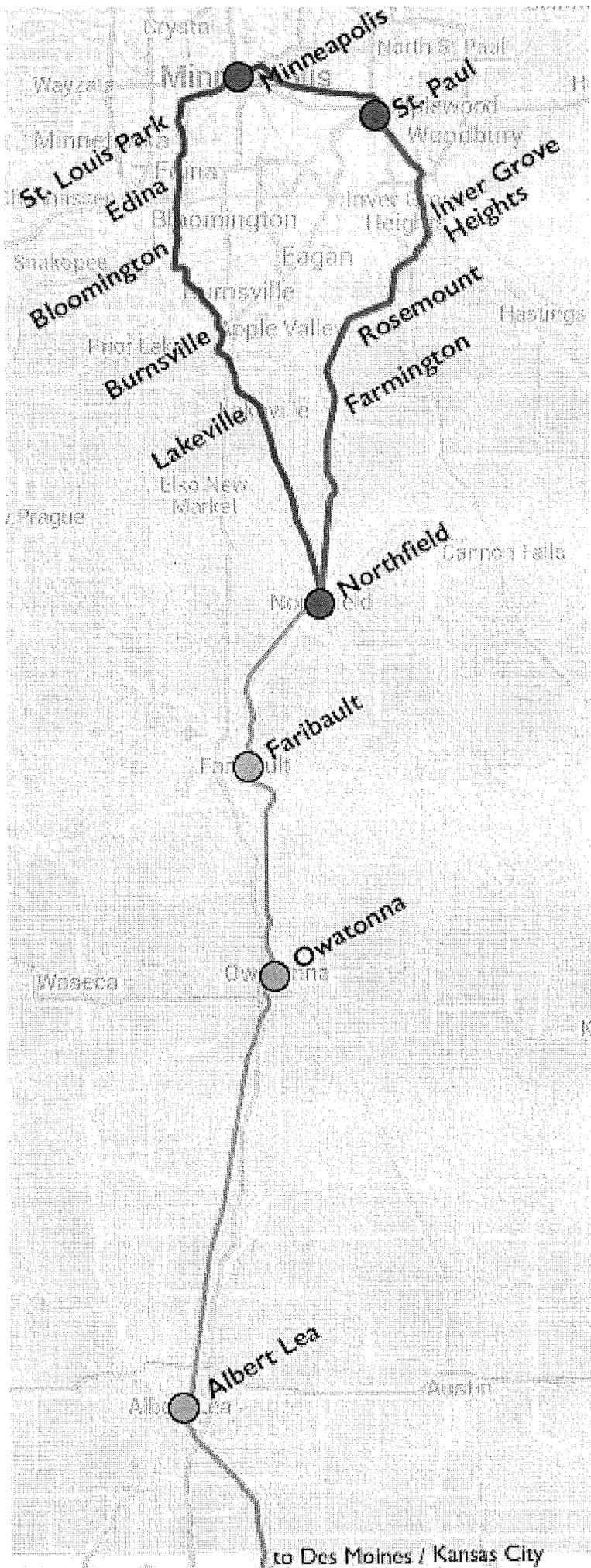
Suzie Nakasian  
Northfield City Council  
Coordinator, South Central Regional Inter-City Passenger Rail Initiative.  
[Suzienakasian@gmail.com](mailto:Suzienakasian@gmail.com)

**PROGRESS UPDATE Official letters to MnDot from Cities/ Counties and Stakeholders as of 1/22**

1. Albert Lea
2. Carleton College
3. Dundas
4. Edina (1/20)
5. Elko/New Market
6. Farmington
7. Lonsdale
8. Northfield
9. Northfield Convention and Visitors Bureau
10. Northfield Chamber of Commerce
11. Northfield Economic Development Authority
12. Owatonna (1/20)
13. Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority
14. Rice County
15. Richfield
16. Rosemount
17. Savage
18. South Central Community College, Faribault and North Mankato
19. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU)
20. Rep. Clark Johnson, District 19A (Mankato) (House Transportation Committee)
21. UMore Development LLC, Rosemount

Letters on Upcoming Agendas:

22. pending 1/26 - City of Mankato
23. pending 1/27- City of Faribault
24. pending 1/27 - Steele County Board of Commissioners



to Des Moines / Kansas City

## South Central Minnesota Inter-City Regional Passenger Rail Initiative

DRAFT TEXT for letters to MnDot

Summary: letters to MnDot are requested from regional governing bodies, economic stakeholders and residents, to ask MnDot to study the feasibility of restoring inter-city regional passenger rail service between south central Minnesota and the Twin Cities on existing rail lines through Northfield, and to move that project to Tier One status in the State's Rail Plan which is currently under revision.

Letters are due to MnDot by (NEW Public Comment Deadline) **March 10, 2015.**

Please address letters to:

Charles Zelle, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Transportation  
395 John Ireland Boulevard, Mailstop 100, St. Paul, MN 55155-1899

cc: Dave Christianson, Project Manager, Minnesota State Rail Plan, MN Department of Transportation, 395 John Ireland Blvd , Mailstop 480 Saint Paul, MN 55155-1899

cc: Dan Krom, Passenger Rail Director, Minnesota Department of Transportation,  
395 John Ireland Blvd , Mailstop 480 Saint Paul, MN 55155-1899

### **SUGGESTED TEXT – to be adapted/edited as needed**

Dear Commissioner Zelle:

We writing to encourage MnDOT to move restored inter-city regional passenger rail service between south central Minnesota and the Twin Cities on existing rail lines through Northfield, to Tier One status in the State's revised Rail Plan. We urge MnDot to commence an evaluative study of our rail corridor, including the inter-state connections that this line would restore to our State and communities.

We feel strongly that this project presents sufficient merit to our region and State to warrant serious study for possible development in the near future. We see this project as beneficial to the economic development of our city and region. We also recognize the potential inter-state rail connections that our particular rail line would open for Minnesotans by virtue of the intersection of our line with three of Amtrak's most heavily trafficked inter-state lines that intersect with our rail line as it continues south to Kansas City and Des Moines.

The 2009 Minnesota Comprehensive Statewide Freight and Passenger Rail Plan identifies the Northfield – Metropolitan corridor for Tier II development. Moving this corridor forward to Tier One Status in the Stats Rail Plan for purposes of evaluative preliminary study is more than justified by the forecasted levels of usage, and the apparent technical feasibility of two existing rail alignments that serve our region. Importantly, study of restored passenger service between south central Minnesota and the Twin Cities through Northfield is also justified by the financial feasibility of this project as compared with other proposed passenger rail projects in the State, since our project would introduce passenger service on existing rail lines.

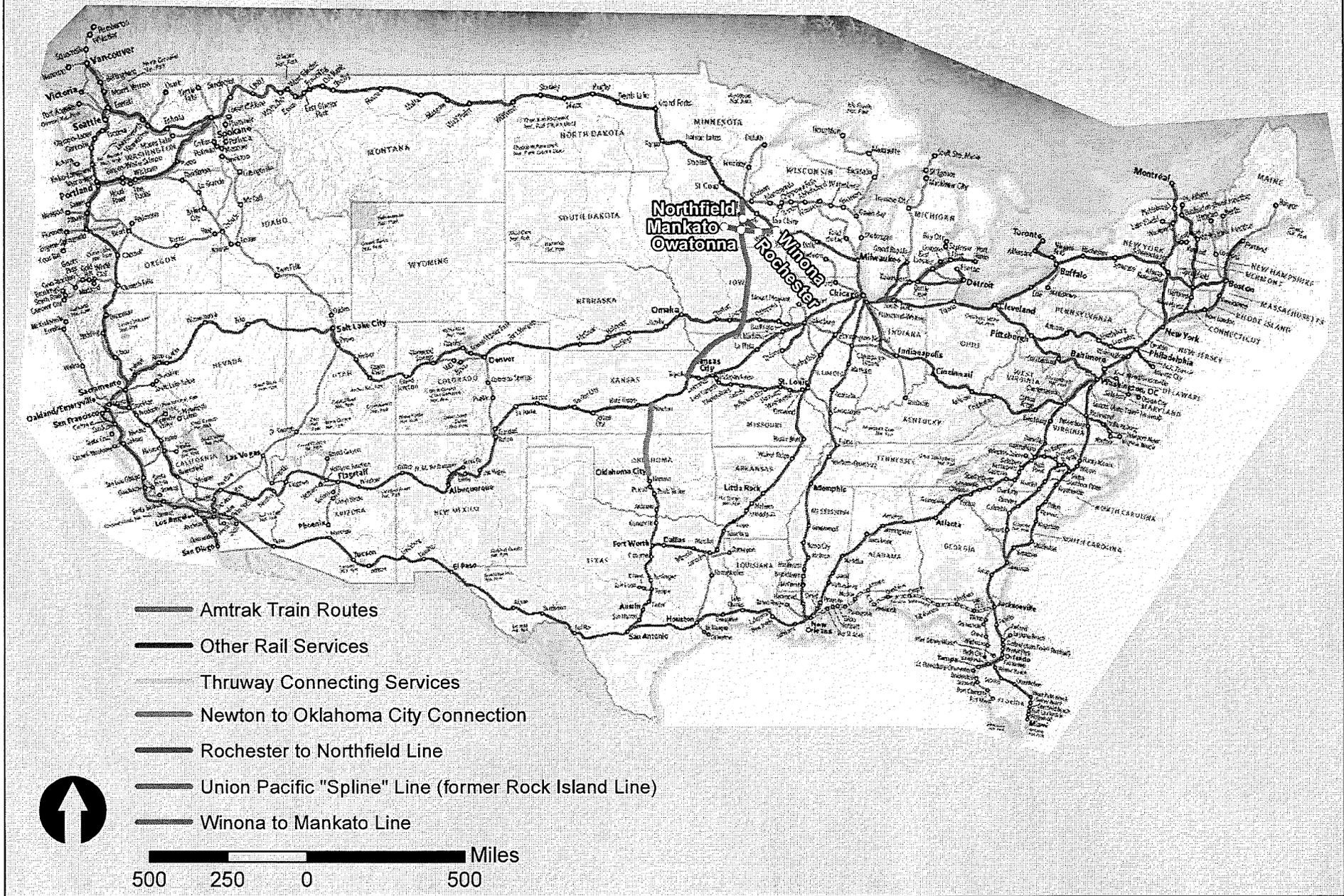
Elevating our central Minnesota passenger rail corridor to Tier One Status in the State Rail Plan is warranted by the enthusiastic grass roots support that this project has received from regional stakeholders. Representatives of (municipality/county or other stakeholder) have met with elected and appointed leaders from around our region and we see this project as one of common interest to our communities, region and the State.

We strongly encourage MnDOT to elevate restored regional inter-city passenger rail service from south central Minnesota to the Twin Cities metropolitan area, to Tier One status in the State's revised Rail Plan, and ask you to commence an evaluative study of that alignment as part of your statewide rail planning.

Respectfully,

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# THE AMTRAK SYSTEM





January 20, 2015

Mayor James Hovland  
City of Edina  
4801 W 50th St  
Edina, MN 55424-1330

RE: Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Comprehensive Plan Update

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD or District) is embarking on an update to its Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan (Plan) and invites you to participate in the process. The Plan, which is required by law and updated every 10 years, guides the District's efforts to meet its clean water goals. The current Plan was adopted in 2007 and its next generation Plan is due in June 2017.

In recent years, in partnership with several private entities and other public agencies, the MCWD has implemented some of the most important water protection projects and programming in its 48-year history. With your input and that of other stakeholders throughout the District, the next Plan will continue to focus our work and mission in making a measurable impact on the water resources we are charged with protecting.

MCWD will host two kickoff meetings, where you can learn more about the process, hear about the opportunities to get involved and provide input. You'll also be introduced to some of the major themes and focus areas the District has identified for this Plan update. Please see the enclosed brochure for more information.

The kickoff meetings will be held on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:00 PM and 6:00-7:00 PM at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55345.

Please RSVP to Becky Christopher at [bchristopher@minnehahacreek.org](mailto:bchristopher@minnehahacreek.org) if you plan to attend. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Becky Christopher  
MCWD Lead Planner & Project Manager  
952-641-4512

*The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is committed to a leadership role in protecting, improving and managing the surface waters and affiliated groundwater resources within the District, including their relationships to the ecosystems of which they are an integral part. We achieve our mission through regulation, capital projects, education, cooperative endeavors, and other programs based on sound science, innovative thinking, an informed and engaged constituency, and the cost effective use of public funds.*

## SCOPE

Developing the District's 2007 Plan involved extensive analysis of the watershed and a robust stakeholder engagement process to set long-term goals. The 2017 Plan update will build on this strong foundation and focus primarily on developing policies and processes to improve service delivery and project implementation. Consistent with past practices, the District welcomes input from our engaged communities and citizens alike.

## IN PURSUIT OF A BALANCED URBAN ECOLOGY

Recognizing the relationship between our natural and built environments, the MCWD works in partnership with the public, private and civic sectors to help protect and improve our natural systems, make wise investments in public infrastructure and improve the quality of water and quality of life in our communities. The District pursues this work under three guiding principles:

◦ **Philosophy of Partnership** - We will join with others in pursuing our watershed management goals

◦ **Geographic Focus** - We will intensify and maintain our focus on high-priority projects

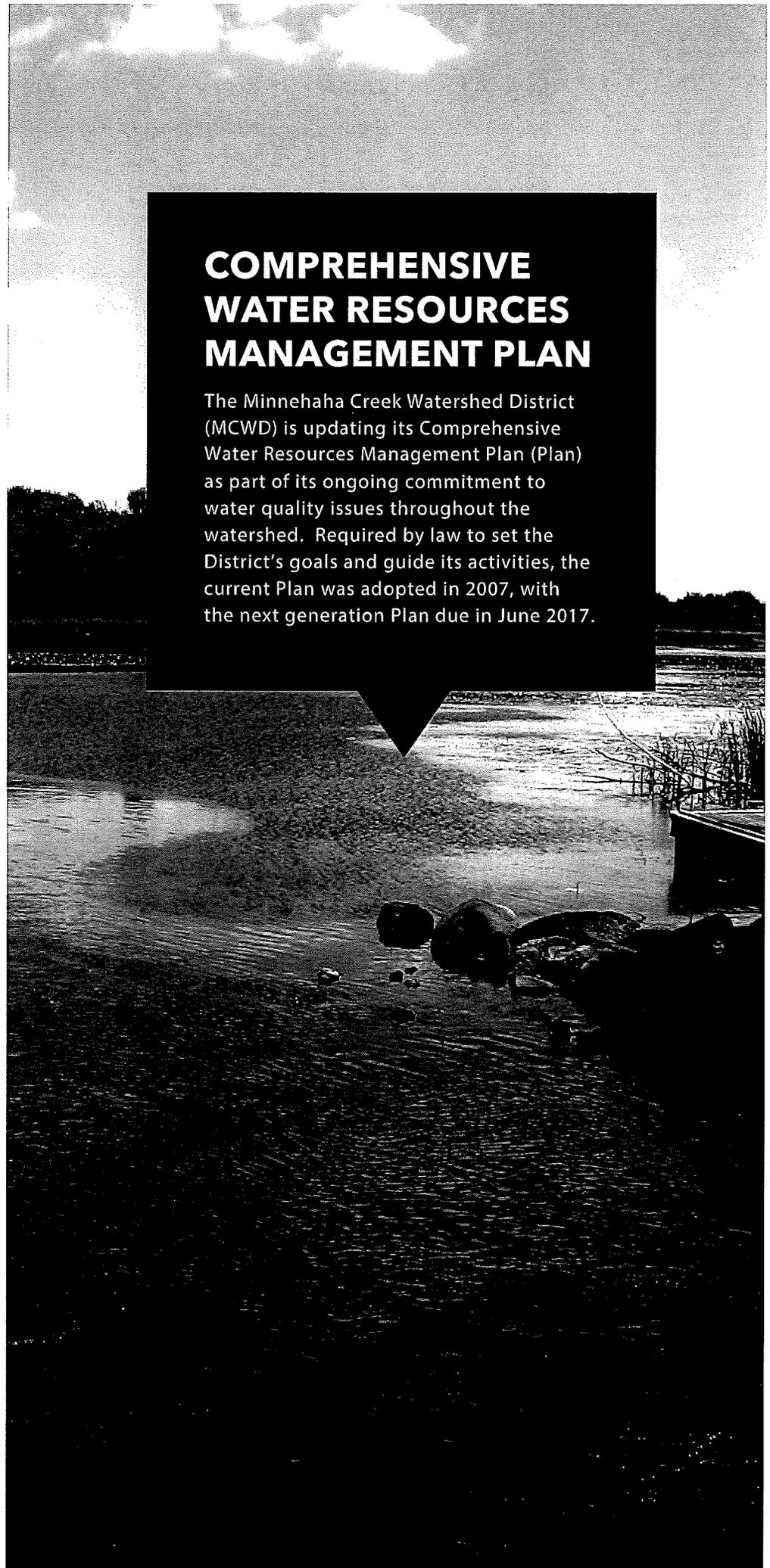
◦ **Responsiveness and Flexibility** - We will be flexible and creative in adapting our practices to those of our partners



**MINNEHAHA CREEK**  
WATERSHED DISTRICT

# COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) is updating its Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan (Plan) as part of its ongoing commitment to water quality issues throughout the watershed. Required by law to set the District's goals and guide its activities, the current Plan was adopted in 2007, with the next generation Plan due in June 2017.

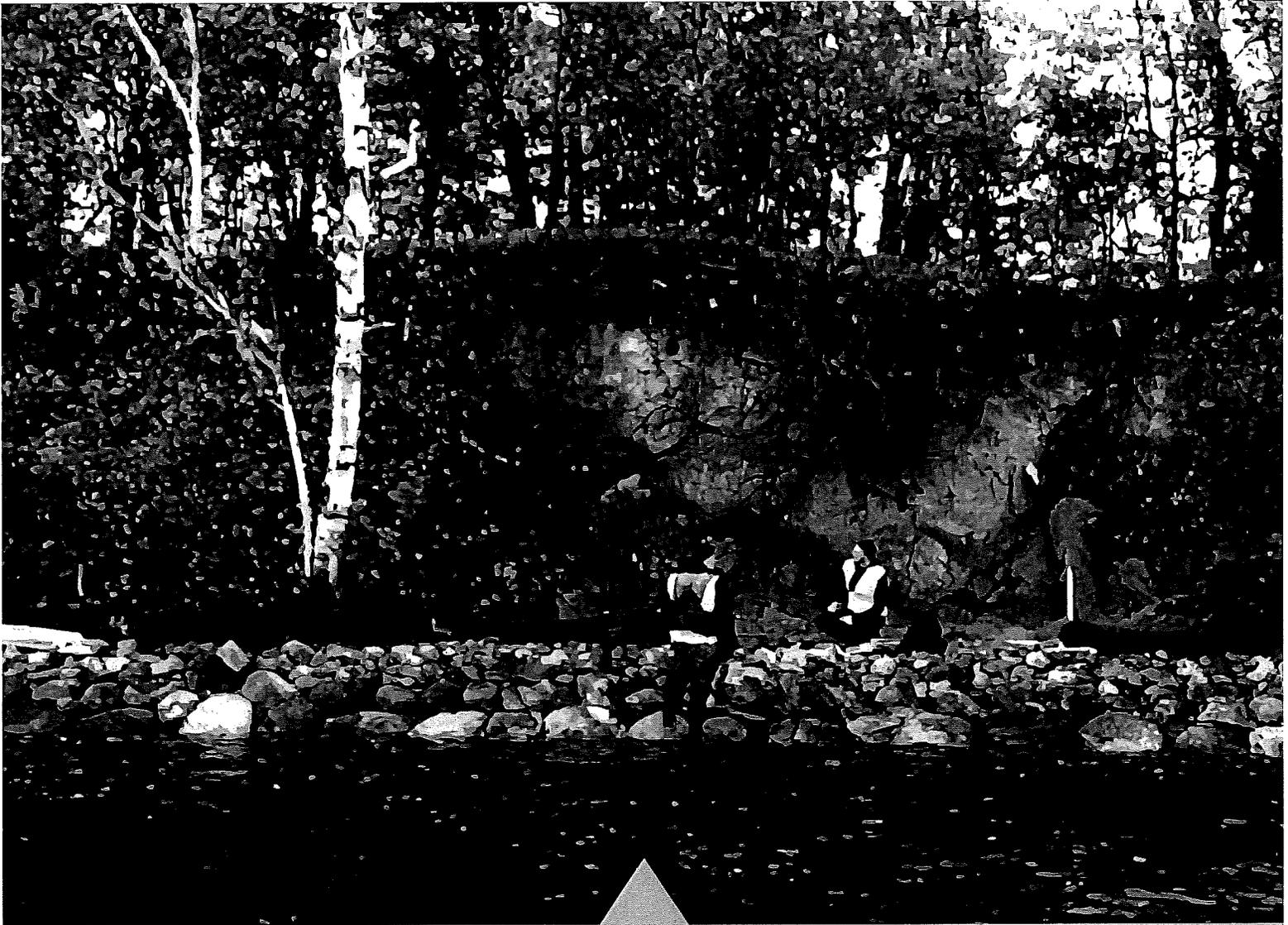




protecting the water quality and addressing flooding throughout the watershed.

## TRACK 2 - FLEXIBILITY

The District will continue to remain responsive to needs and opportunities District-wide through project partnerships, grant funding, education programming, permitting assistance, aquatic invasive species prevention, and other District resources.



### **FLEXIBILITY SPOTLIGHT:** *Seizing opportunities for partnership*

The District strives to remain open to opportunities for cost-effective partnership, often combining funds with developers, private businesses, nonprofits, and other agencies to achieve water quality benefits on projects. Recently, the City of Orono and Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) identified an opportunity to restore steep, eroding bluffs on a TRPD nature preserve on Lake Minnetonka's Big Island. The ensuing partnership between TRPD and MCWD resulted in 1,200 feet of restored shoreline.

The project was modeled after the District's major restoration of another section of Big Island a few years earlier in cooperation with the City of Orono. Both projects preserve habitat and prevent soil from eroding into one of the most sensitive and productive areas of the lake.

## BE HEARD: Opportunities for Public Input

The District values input from all of its stakeholders -- local technical staff, policy makers, and the general public. There are a variety of ways to get involved:

- Join an advisory committee (throughout 2015)
  - Technical Advisory Committee
  - Policy Advisory Committee
  - Citizen Advisory Committee
  - Six Mile Steering Committee
- Attend a local subwatershed meeting (late 2015)
- Keep up to date on our website, [www.minnehahacreek.org/2017](http://www.minnehahacreek.org/2017)
- Learn the latest by following us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and subscribing to our Splash e-newsletter

## TIMELINE

**February 2015** – Kickoff Meeting

**Early 2015** – Public opinion survey

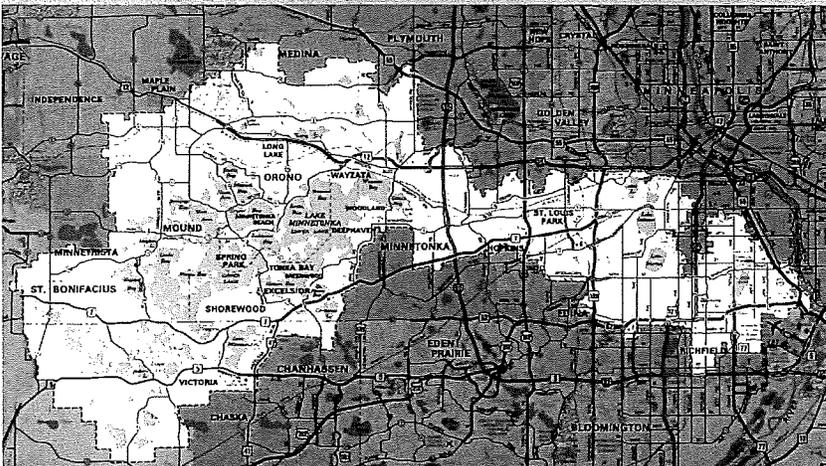
**Throughout 2015** – Bi-monthly/quarterly advisory committee meetings

**July-December 2015** – Local subwatershed meetings

**January - June 2016** – Plan drafting and committee review

**July - December 2016** – Formal review process (60-day and 90-day comment periods)

**June 27, 2017** – Deadline for Plan adoption



## CONTACT

Direct questions to MCWD Planner:

**Becky Christopher**

[bchristopher@minnehahacreek.org](mailto:bchristopher@minnehahacreek.org)

(952) 641-4512

[www.minnehahacreek.org/2017](http://www.minnehahacreek.org/2017)



## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Amy DeCrans <AmyD@veap.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 9:56 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** VEAP Communications Survey

Hello Mayor Hovland

As you likely know, VEAP is in the process of a leadership transition. Given this important time in the life of our organization, we believe it is important to understand how VEAP is perceived by its most important stakeholder groups. VEAP has always been about improving the lives of people in our community through a neighbors-serving-neighbors approach. This fundamental mission will not change, but we want to hear your thoughts about VEAP – how you perceive the organization, what we do well and what we can improve upon.

We have asked Bloomington-based Tunheim, a communications consulting firm, to interview a cross-section of VEAP's key stakeholders and provide us with an analysis of their findings, which they have agreed to do on a pro-bono basis. Tunheim will speak with VEAP volunteers, donors and partners, as well as elected officials in the communities in which we serve.

We've asked Tunheim to contact you as part of this work to interview you about your perceptions of VEAP, your understanding of our organization and how we might improve communications with partners like you. The discussion should take no longer than 15-20 minutes, and the comments will be presented anonymously as a part of the larger group of stakeholder responses, so our hope is that you will be frank and open with your feedback.

A representative from Tunheim will reach out to you in the coming days, and we would appreciate your time and candid conversation. If you have questions or would like to further discuss, please feel free to reach out to me directly at 952.955.8310 or [pattys@veap.org](mailto:pattys@veap.org).

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Patty Schulz  
Advancement Director

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Mertyce Mrvos <mertyce@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 9:58 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Fowl Ordinance  
**Attachments:** Chicks 1.JPG; Chicks 2.JPG; Chickens.JPG; Coop.JPG; eggs.JPG

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

Our family is thrilled to learn that a Fowl Ordinance is under consideration in Edina! We have been chicken keepers since June of 2014, after we gave our daughter permission to keep three chicks that were hatched in her science class.

It has been incredible and educational to watch these chicks grow and develop into the egg layers they are today. My two children and I have done extensive research. We have learned what to feed them and how to care for them at their various stages of life. We even worked with a coop maker to have a custom coop and run constructed that would be ideal for the chickens and look nice in our yard. We have also learned that there is a lot more to chickens than we ever knew. They have personality and are very intelligent. They get excited when we bring them treats like shredded cheese, their favorite. They softly cluck when we come home, eager to be with us and to get out into the yard to eat bugs and weeds.

Our chickens are very entertaining to watch as they hop, flap and walk about the yard. Urban farmer and author, Hannah Litt, refers to them as "mobile lawn ornaments" and we agree that they are a delightful and decorative addition to our backyard. It is a great way to get our kids to spend time outside! The chickens fly up on our laps and enjoy being petted. Ours have become beloved pets. We even transported them to and from our cabin every weekend this past summer when they were small and still housed in a bin indoors.

And then there is the egg part. We eagerly awaited that first egg. My daughter checked the nesting boxes numerous times a day. In December, that day came! We have learned that eggs from chickens raised the way we raise them are more healthful than conventionally farmed eggs. They have 25% more vitamin E, 75% more beta carotene, as much as 20 times the amount of omega-3 fatty acids and only half as much cholesterol. I feel great feeding them to my family and my children have even been inspired to cook more when they can use the eggs from chickens they are raising.

Taking care of our three hens is proving to be a wonderful and bonding family activity that gets us outside. In addition, our children have assumed greater responsibilities to care for the chickens. They are learning a lot about animals and nutrition. They have a greater connection to their food source and are experiencing first-hand what the "local food movement" is all about.

There are many benefits associated with allowing chicken keeping in Edina and I fully support the proposed Fowl Ordinance.

Kind Regards,

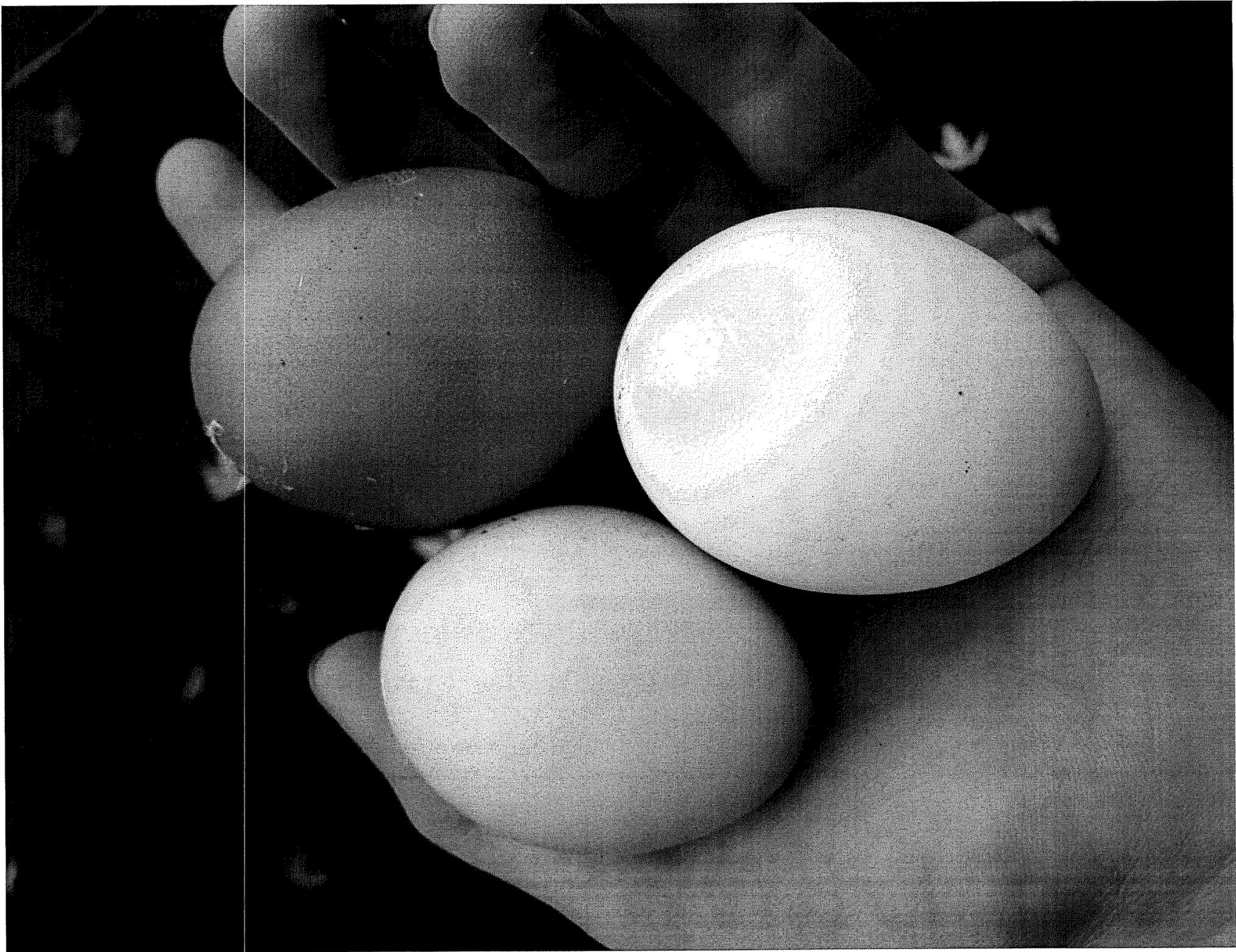
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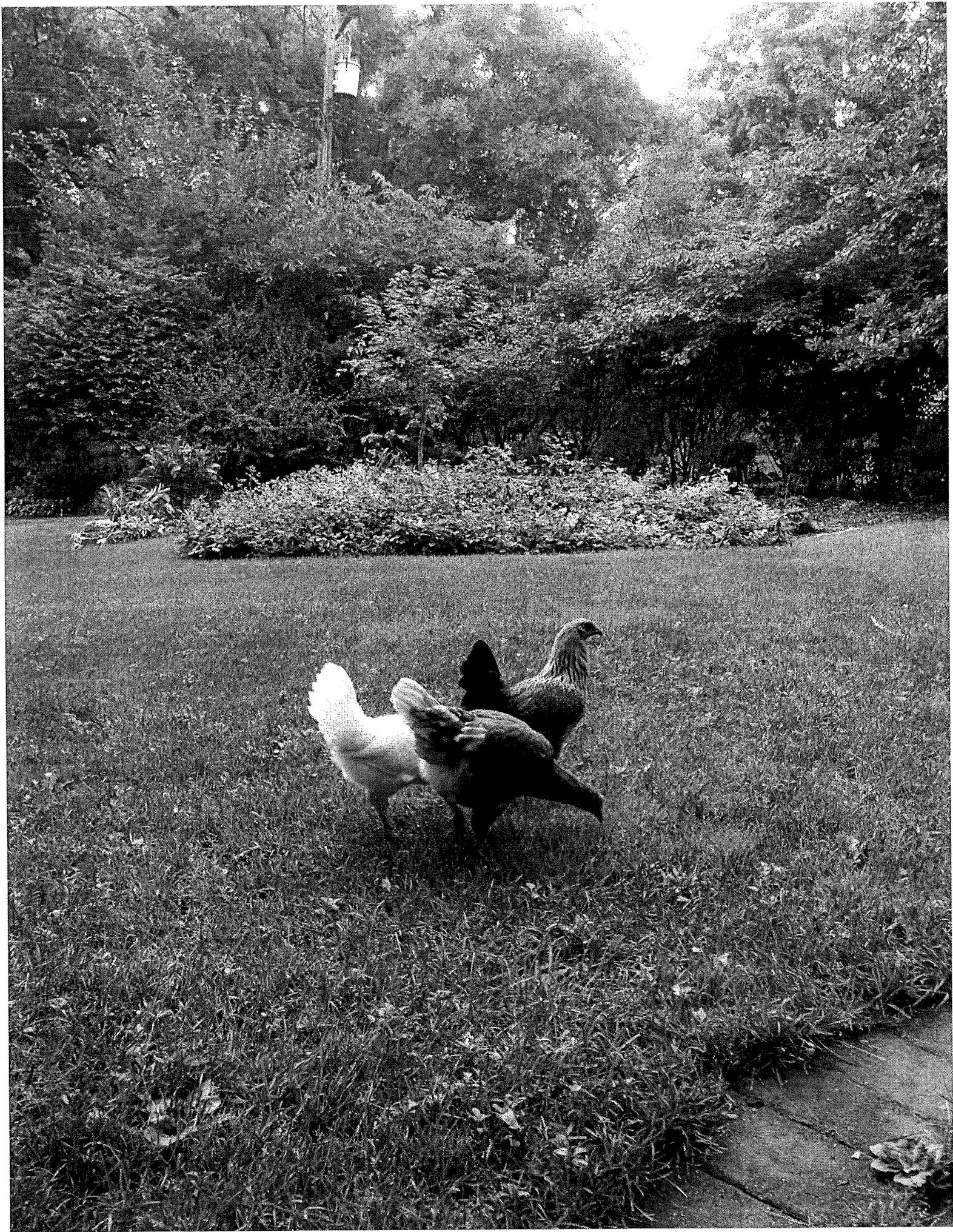
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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Cora Ellenson-Myers <cora@environmentminnesota.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 12:27 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Extended Deadline: Environment Minnesota Clean Water Letter  
**Attachments:** MN elected officials letter.docx

Dear Mayor Hovland,

This is Cora with Environment Minnesota, hope you're doing well. We have had so much interest in our letter to Senator Franken in support of the EPA's proposed clean water rule after our original deadline, that we have decided to provide an additional opportunity to sign on. The deadline to sign on is now the end of this week, January 30th, and we'll deliver a final copy of the letter to Senator Franken the following week.

In short, we are building up support for the EPA's proposed clean water rule, which would close loopholes in the Clean Water Act to protections to thousands of streams and wetlands in Minnesota and across the country. These waterways impact the drinking water for more than 970,000 Minnesotans, and 1 in 3 people across the US. Unfortunately, the polluters who created these loopholes have been fighting to keep them in Congress, where this fall and in the recent Cromnibus spending bill there have been attempts to roll back this proposal. With this letter, we urge Senator Franken to stand up for the waterways Minnesotans love and depend on by defending the clean water rule in the Senate.

I would love to answer any questions or provide further information about the rule or letter for you. A copy of my original email is listed below, and the letter is attached. Please let me know whether or not you would like to sign on before the new deadline, January 30th.

Thank you,  
Cora Ellenson-Myers  
Environment Minnesota  
612-379-1475

My name is Cora Ellenson-Myers; I'm the Campaign Organizer with Environment Minnesota working on clean water. I'm writing with an update on the EPA's proposed clean water rule, and to see if you can sign on to a letter supporting clean water to Senator Franken.

As I'm sure you know, right now the EPA is considering moving forward with a rulemaking to close loopholes in the Clean Water Act. These loopholes have resulted in a costly and inefficient process of case by case evaluation to determine if individual water bodies are protected by the Clean Water Act, and have called into question the protections of 47000 miles of Minnesota's streams, and 2 million miles across the country.

This is a big priority for Environment Minnesota – it could be the biggest victory for clean water in more than a decade.

As you might guess, the polluters who created these loopholes have gotten their allies in Congress to attack the proposal at every turn. This fall, they passed a bill in the House to strip the EPA's authority to make the rule, and similar attacks could come up in the Senate in the coming weeks.

Fortunately, Senator Franken has historically been an ally for clean water, but is getting a lot of pressure from the opposition. If we're going to get these protections over the finish line, we'll need as much support as we can get from Senator Franken. Environment Minnesota is circulating a letter from elected officials urging the senator to be a champion for Minnesota lakes and waterways across the state, and we would love for you to add your name.

Can you review the attached letter and let me know if you can sign on by December 19th? If we show a big wave of support from elected officials across the state, we can make sure Sen. Franken keeps standing up for our waterways.

Sincerely,

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Cora Ellenson-Myers  
Clean Water Campaign Organizer  
Environment Minnesota  
O: (612) 379-1475  
C: (218) 341-8045

The Honorable Senator Franken  
60 East Plato Blvd  
Suite 220  
Saint Paul, MN 55107

Dear Senator Franken,

As elected officials across Minnesota, we write you to urge you to declare your support for the Clean Water Rule proposed by U.S. EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers to restore Clean Water Act protection to thousands of waterways here in Minnesota and across the country.

As elected officials, we know how critically important clean water is to the health and economic livelihood of people across our state. Our constituents need clean water for drinking, fishing, swimming, agriculture, recreation, and the wellbeing of their communities. Waterways like the Mississippi River and Lake Superior are part of what make Minnesota beautiful, thriving, and prosperous. But our waters' health is threatened. Beginning in 1972, the Clean Water Act protected all of the nation's waters, from small, unnamed streams to the cherished Mississippi. But now, because of two bitterly-divided Supreme Court decisions (SWANCC in 2001 and Rapanos in 2006), many of our waterways are not guaranteed protection from pollution, including the streams that feed our lakes and rivers, and wetlands that help keep them clean.

Here in Minnesota, the threat is serious. Until this loophole is closed, 51 percent of our state's streams lack clear protection of our nation's bedrock environmental law. According to EPA data, these waters help provide drinking water to over 970,000 Minnesotans<sup>1</sup>. To protect our treasured 10,000 lakes, we urge you to take a public stand in support of the proposed rule to restore critical protections to these waters under the Clean Water Act. By restoring Clean Water Act protections we can put all of Minnesota's waters back on track to becoming safe for swimming, fishing, and drinking.

We appreciate your commitment to protecting Minnesota's waterways, and we hope you will move quickly to ensure they are protected for years to come.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup>[http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/guidance/wetlands/upload/2009\\_12\\_25\\_wetlands\\_science\\_surface\\_drinking\\_water\\_surface\\_drinking\\_water\\_mn.pdf](http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/guidance/wetlands/upload/2009_12_25_wetlands_science_surface_drinking_water_surface_drinking_water_mn.pdf)

**Heather Branigin**

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**From:** Rep.David.Bly@house.mn  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 2:04 PM  
**To:** Nakasian Suzie  
**Subject:** Mon Feb 2 Meeting re Regional Inter-City Passenger Rail  
**Attachments:** Connection to Amtrak.pdf; LIST OF SUPPORTERS.doc; SUGGESTED LETTER TO MNDOT.doc

**The Central Minnesota Inter-City Regional Passenger Rail Initiative**

Please join us for a MnDot Rail Plan Update and Discussion  
for regional officials and administrators

**Monday, February 2, 3pm - 5pm**

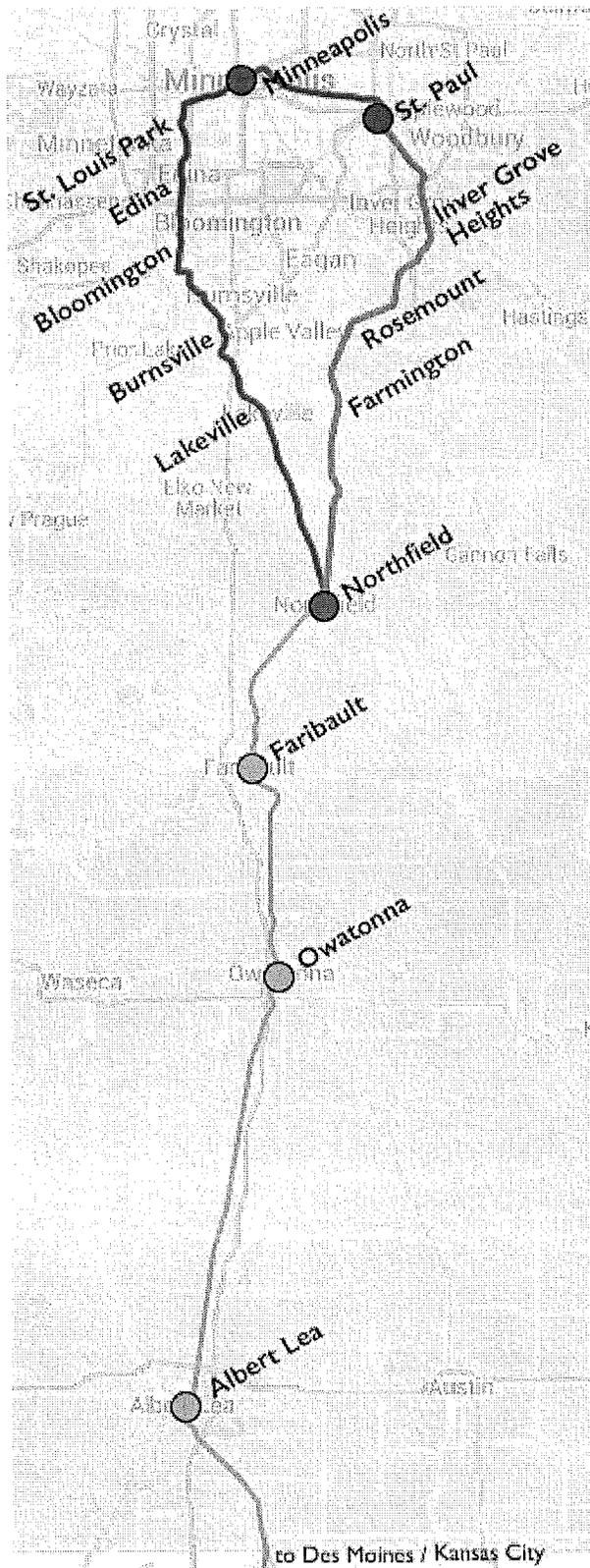
Weitz Center for Creativity, Carleton College

320 Third Street East, Northfield MN, Larson Room (Room #324)

Featuring Presentations and Discussion led by  
Dave Christianson and Dan Krom, MnDot Rail Office

See **Meeting Agenda** below:

RSVP to Suzie Nakasian at [507-649-0382](tel:507-649-0382) or [Suzienakasian@gmail.com](mailto:Suzienakasian@gmail.com) and let us know who from your city/county or institution will be attending. Thank you.



## Meeting Agenda

I. Update on support received (to date) for the Central MN Regional Inter-City Rail Initiative

II. Update on the State Rail Plan Revision (to date) : Dave Christianson, MnDot

- Public Input received (to date)
- Status of regional passenger rail projects around the State
- Next/Final steps in the Rail Plan revision process
- Legislative Outlook and Issues relating to Inter-City Regional Passenger Rail

III. Q & A for MnDot

IV. Next Steps for the Central MN Inter-City Regional Passenger Rail Initiative  
-Discussion of potential governance structure and organizing strategies

Adjourn by 5:00pm

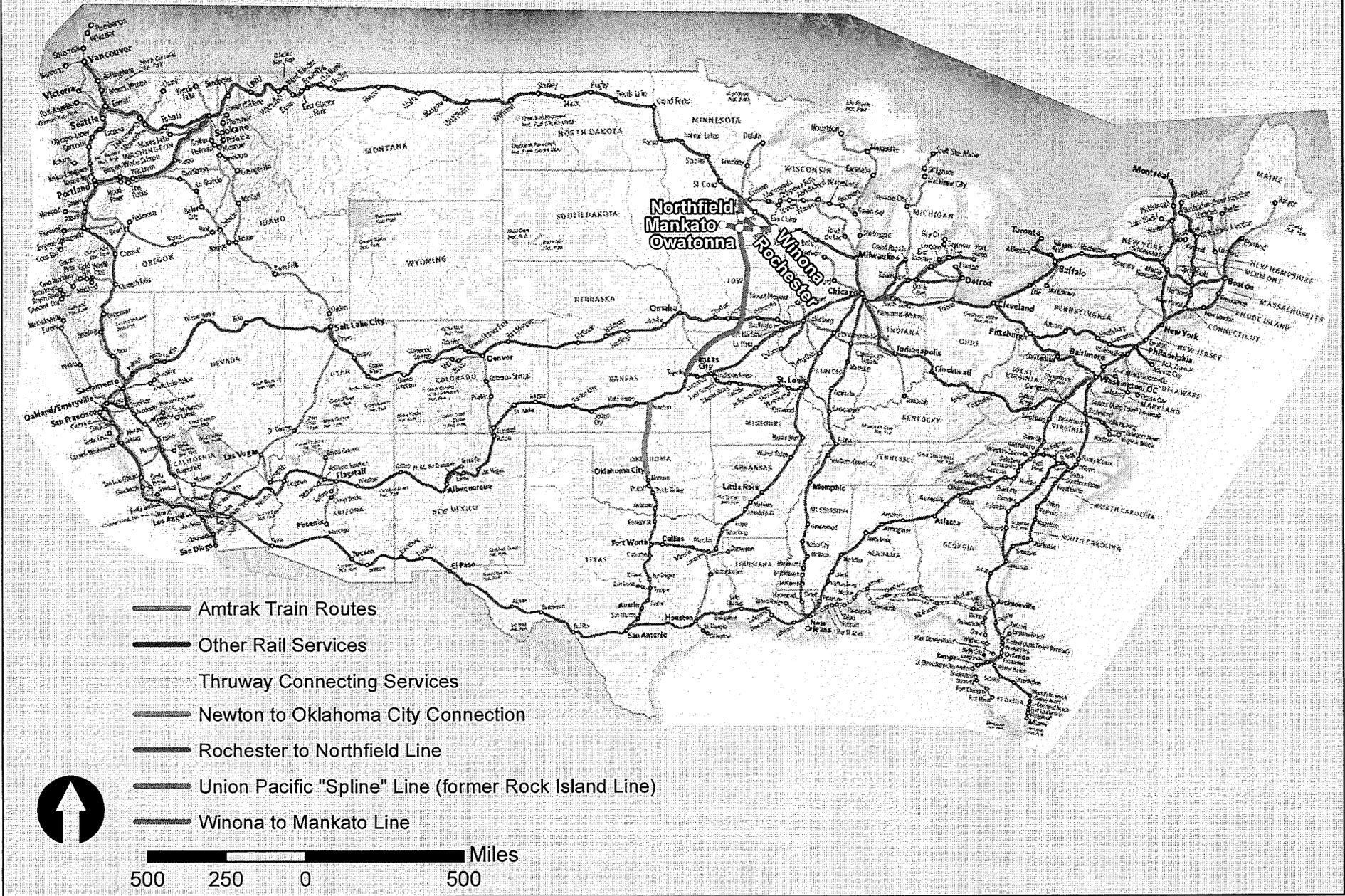
A MnDot Public Open House regarding the Revision of the State Rail Plan will immediately follow this meeting, in the Larson Room of the Weitz Center from 5:00 - 7:00pm. MnDot staff will be on hand to update the public on the Rail Plan's revision and receive public comments on the Plan.

Note: MnDot has extended the Rail Plan Public Comment period to **March 10, 2015** (from February 10). Members of the public are encouraged to submit comments regarding the rail plan in person, in writing to MnDot, or via the (Click Here) MnDot Rail Plan Comment Website.

More information about the State's Rail Plan is available here: (Click Here) MnDot Rail Plan.

For more information on the Central Minnesota Regional Inter-City Rail Initiative, contact Suzie Nakasian or Rep. David Bly.

# THE AMTRAK SYSTEM



Letters of Support to MnDot from Cities/ Counties and Stakeholders (as of 1/23)  
in Support of  
Tier One Status for Inter-City Regional Passenger Rail between South Central Minnesota and the Twin  
Cities Metro, on existing rail through Northfield.

1. City of Albert Lea
2. Carleton College
3. City of Dundas
4. City of Edina
5. City of Elko/New Market
6. City of Farmington
7. City of Lonsdale
8. Minnesota Association of Railroad Passengers
9. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System (MNSCU)
10. City of Northfield
11. Northfield Convention and Visitors Bureau
12. Northfield Chamber of Commerce
13. Northfield Economic Development Authority
14. City of Owatonna
15. Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority
16. Rice County
17. City of Richfield
18. City of Rosemount
19. City of Saint Paul
20. City of Savage
21. South Central Community College, Faribault and North Mankato
22. Rep. Clark Johnson, District 19A (Mankato) (House Transportation Committee)
23. UMore Development LLC, Rosemount

Some of the additional letters that are schedule for consideration on upcoming Agendas:

24. pending approval 1/26 - City of Mankato
25. pending approval 1/26 - Northfield School Board
26. pending approval 1/27- City of Faribault
27. pending approval 1/27 - Steele County Board of Commissioners

Official letters and public comments regarding the Revision of the State's Rail Plan must be received by MnDot by the end of the day on March 10, 2015.

For an update on this list of supporters, email [Suzienakasian@gmail.com](mailto:Suzienakasian@gmail.com)

Thank you.

## South Central Minnesota Inter-City Regional Passenger Rail Initiative

DRAFT TEXT for letters to MnDot

Summary: letters to MnDot are requested from regional governing bodies, economic stakeholders and residents, to ask MnDot to study the feasibility of restoring inter-city regional passenger rail service between south central Minnesota and the Twin Cities on existing rail lines through Northfield, and to move that project to Tier One status in the State's Rail Plan which is currently under revision.

Letters are due to MnDot by (NEW Public Comment Deadline) **March 10, 2015**.

Please address letters to:

Charles Zelle, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Transportation  
395 John Ireland Boulevard, Mailstop 100, St. Paul, MN 55155-1899

cc: Dave Christianson, Project Manager, Minnesota State Rail Plan, MN Department of Transportation, 395 John Ireland Blvd , Mailstop 480 Saint Paul, MN 55155-1899

cc: Dan Krom, Passenger Rail Director, Minnesota Department of Transportation, 395 John Ireland Blvd , Mailstop 480 Saint Paul, MN 55155-1899

### **SUGGESTED TEXT – to be adapted/edited as needed**

Dear Commissioner Zelle:

We writing to encourage MnDOT to move restored inter-city regional passenger rail service between south central Minnesota and the Twin Cities on existing rail lines through Northfield, to Tier One status in the State's revised Rail Plan. We urge MnDot to commence an evaluative study of our rail corridor, including the inter-state connections that this line would restore to our State and communities.

We feel strongly that this project presents sufficient merit to our region and State to warrant serious study for possible development in the near future. We see this project as beneficial to the economic development of our city and region. We also recognize the potential inter-state rail connections that our particular rail line would open for Minnesotans by virtue of the intersection of our line with three of Amtrak's most heavily trafficked inter-state lines that intersect with our rail line as it continues south to Kansas City and Des Moines.

The 2009 Minnesota Comprehensive Statewide Freight and Passenger Rail Plan identifies the Northfield – Metropolitan corridor for Tier II development. Moving this corridor forward to Tier One Status in the Stats Rail Plan for purposes of evaluative preliminary study is more than justified by the forecasted levels of usage, and the apparent technical feasibility of two existing rail alignments that serve our region. Importantly, study of restored passenger service between south central Minnesota and the Twin Cities through Northfield is also justified by the financial feasibility of this project as compared with other proposed passenger rail projects in the State, since our project would introduce passenger service on existing rail lines.

Elevating our central Minnesota passenger rail corridor to Tier One Status in the State Rail Plan is warranted by the enthusiastic grass roots support that this project has received from regional stakeholders. Representatives of (municipality/county or other stakeholder) have met with elected and appointed leaders from around our region and we see this project as one of common interest to our communities, region and the State.

We strongly encourage MnDOT to elevate restored regional inter-city passenger rail service from south central Minnesota to the Twin Cities metropolitan area, to Tier One status in the State's revised Rail Plan, and ask you to commence an evaluative study of that alignment as part of your statewide rail planning.

Respectfully,

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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Shea Larson <shealarson1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 7:37 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Chickens

Dear honorable mayor Hovland and Edina city council,  
These are the top five reasons why we should enjoy our chickens

1. The chickens were from our science teacher and we hatched them and we get to raise them. This is a form of education not only for us but also for the little kids in our area.
2. There is a 91 year old lady on our street who we visit often and she especially enjoys when we bring over our chicken's eggs.
3. I also have a few friends who have chickens and we like having the responsibility of taking care of them.
4. "The eggs from hens raised with access to your backyard will be tastier and more nutritious! Research shows they're not only higher in omega-3s, beta-carotene, and vitamins A, D, and E, but they're lower in cholesterol and saturated fat. They taste better, too. It's something you can see: All that extra nutrition gives backyard eggs a dark orange yolk-not the pale yellow color you see in store-bought eggs". (Lucas, Lissa, and Traci Torres. "Top 10 Reasons to Raise Chickens." *Organic Gardening*. N.p., n.d. Web. 26 Jan. 2015.)
5. "Chickens will eat food and then convert them into eggs , and also fertilizer. If you grow vegetables or flowers, you'll find that composted chicken manure is great for your home garden, adding organic matter and nutrients to the soil. Plus, chicken manure from layers tends to be relatively high in calcium, which is helpful for plants". (Lucas, Lissa, and Traci Torres. "Top 10 Reasons to Raise Chickens." *Organic Gardening*. N.p., n.d. Web. 26 Jan. 2015.)

It would be great if more people would embrace having chickens in Edina. Its a healthier life for the chickens and the owners.

Sincerely,  
Shea Larson  
7th grade  
Southview Middle School

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** \*CI-StPaul\_Mayor <Mayor@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015 4:54 PM  
**Subject:** Please RSVP: Mayor Chris Coleman's 2015 Minnesota Mayor's Reception at the Saint Paul Winter Carnival

**Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman**  
Invites you and your guest to join him for the  
2015 Minnesota Mayor's Reception at the Saint Paul Winter Carnival

**Saturday, January 31, 2015**  
**5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Downtown Saint Paul**  
**James J. Hill Center**  
**On beautiful Rice Park**  
**80 West Fourth Street**  
**Saint Paul, MN 55102**

The Mayors of Minnesota will gather once again in Saint Paul to celebrate winter in our capitol city. We will start this year by marching in the Winter Carnival Vulcan Victory Parade and then warm up at one of Saint Paul's most beautiful historic buildings.

*The Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Saint Paul Downtown is offering a special rate to our guests on Friday, January 30 and Saturday, January 31. Reserve your room online at <http://tinyurl.com/me4flj7>*

*Or reserve your room by calling 651-291-8800, 24 hours a day. Ask for the Mayor's Reception rate and group code 500.*

### **Schedule:**

4:45 p.m. - Meet at the new Bedlam Lowertown, 213 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street (Across 4<sup>th</sup> Street from the Union Depot), for Parade Line-up.

5:30 p.m. - March to Rice Park in the Saint Paul Winter Carnival Torchlight Parade.  
Parade steps off west from Wacouta and 5<sup>th</sup> St. **We are Lineup #7**

6:15 p.m. - Party with the Mayors at the JJ Hill Center.

Please RSVP to Chai Lee by **Wednesday, January 28, 2015**, and let us know how many will be attending.

**651-266-8510**  
Or to  
[mayor@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mayor@ci.stpaul.mn.us)

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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Zanna Larson <zannal21895@apps.edina.k12.mn.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015 8:49 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail

We Need Chickens!

1. We get fresh good eggs
2. Kids from all around the neighborhood love to come see them.
3. They are fun to care for.
4. We get more responsibility to care for animals.

I LOVE animals and it is nice to have a pet. these are wonderful pets. We love bringing them is our house and let them play!

And in conclusion WE NEED CHICKENS!

From Zanna Larson, 6th Grade, Southview Middle School

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** SALLY LARSON <sallylarson@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015 9:46 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Chicken Proposal  
**Attachments:** judah and chicken.jpg; chickens outside.jpg; chicken and egg.jpg; eggs.jpg; shea zanna and chickens.jpg

Dear Honorable Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

I have attached some pictures to show you the many ways we enjoy our pet chickens, and the chickens enjoy us!

It has been an educational and fun journey for our family to raise chicks into egg producing hens.

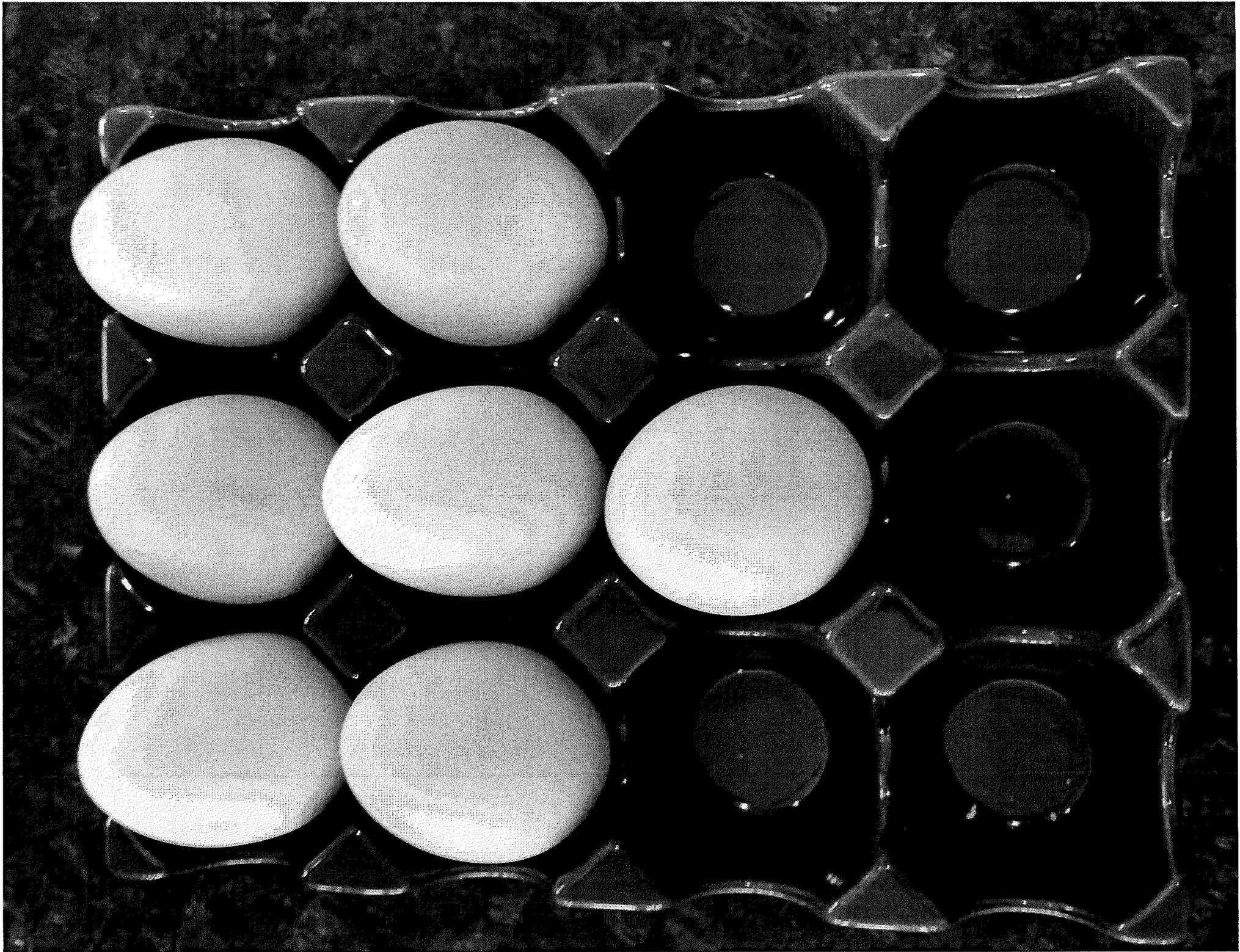
We hope you vote to keep this tradition going in Edina so others can join in this healthy endeavor!

Sincerely,  
Sally Larson  
4507 Grimes Avenue











## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Shelly Elmore <tcb@readexsurvey.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2015 9:28 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** TC Business Magazine

Dear James Hovland:

Recently I asked for your help with an important survey for Twin Cities Business magazine, and I wanted to give you one last opportunity to make your voice heard as we strive to better understand industry professionals like you.

Please take about two minutes now to complete this very short survey:

[?http://www.readexweb.net/tcb/survey.asp?12445MSM](http://www.readexweb.net/tcb/survey.asp?12445MSM)

As a sincere thanks for your participation, you may choose to enter into a drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card that can be used like cash anywhere Visa is accepted.

We are expecting no more than 500 responses so your odds in the drawing are very good. And your individual responses will not be used for any other purpose or sold to others.

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to help us.

Sincerely,

Shelly Elmore  
Publisher  
Twin Cities Business Magazine

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We apologize if this correspondence reached you in error. This contact was selected by Readex Research from a list provided by Twin Cities Business for the purpose of this survey only. Readex adheres to ethical practices, and respects your rights of privacy and choice. To be eliminated from additional contact from Readex on behalf of this survey sponsor, please go here - <http://www.readexsurvey.com/drop.htm?edinamail@edinamn.gov> or reply with the following as the subject: drop [edinamail@edinamn.gov](mailto:edinamail@edinamn.gov)

Readex Research  
2251 Tower Drive W  
Stillwater, MN 55082  
USA

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** suekaiser2@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2015 4:42 PM  
**To:** Heather Branigin  
**Subject:** RE: grandview public works site

Heather, please include my comments. I also meant to say city-funded enterprises in the last paragraph.

Thank you!

Sue

Sent from XFINITY Connect Mobile App

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [HBRanigin@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:HBRanigin@EdinaMN.gov)  
**To:** [suekaiser2@comcast.net](mailto:suekaiser2@comcast.net)  
**Cc:**  
**Sent:** 2015-01-28 08:22:34 GMT  
**Subject:** RE: grandview public works site

Sue,

If you would like, I would be happy to include your comments in our council correspondence. I will also forward your email to our Economic Development Manager, Bill Neuendorf. He is the person conducting the exploration sessions for Grandview redevelopment.

For future reference, comments you email to [mail@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:mail@EdinaMN.gov) will go into the Council Correspondence and is provided to all council members in the biweekly council packet. This is also posted online for the public to see.

Thank you!  
Heather



**Heather Branigin, Executive Assistant**

952-826-0403 | Fax 952-826-0390

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**From:** [suekaiser2@comcast.net](mailto:suekaiser2@comcast.net) [<mailto:suekaiser2@comcast.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2015 2:32 AM  
**To:** Heather Branigin  
**Subject:** grandview public works site

Heather, I couldn't figure out how to join the discussion or add a suggestion on the grandview site.

I would like to see more mixed-use retail – in addition to Davanni's, we need some other faster food choices in the area.

I don't care to see any publicly funded/maintained enterprises.

Thank you.

Sue Kaiser  
6915 Langford Drive  
55436

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Lori Grotz <lori@lorigrotz.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2015 6:42 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Edina Tree Ordinance

Dear Mayor and Edina City Council members,

We are writing in support of the Planning Commission Tree Ordinance. Planning Commissioners Mr. Platteter and Ms. Carr, along with the rest of the Commission, have taken so much of their time to create a Tree Ordinance to protect Edina's diminishing tree canopy.

Please pass the Tree Ordinance while there are still some trees left to protect from the developers' chainsaws.

Thank you.

Jim & Lori Grotz  
5513 Park Place  
Edina, MN

January 28, 2015

Please copy the Planning Commission members on this email. Thank you

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** SALLY LARSON <sallylarson@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2015 7:12 PM  
**To:** SwensonAnn1@GMail.com  
**Cc:** Dianne Latham; Lynette Biunno  
**Subject:** Chickens

Dear Ms. Swenson,

Thank you for your questions regarding the care of my two pet chickens! I have been in extensive contact with Dianne Latham who has prepared a wonderful, detailed report about the care of my chickens and recommendations for ordinances about raising chickens which she will send to you shortly. She has really put a lot of time and research into this proposal and can provide superior, independent assessment of the care of my chickens.

Dianne and I talked on the phone and she came to my house on Tuesday to see the chickens, the cape cod coop, the heat lamp (that is on 24/7), the 5 gallon water station with heating pad and 5 day feeding trough. We love to play with our chickens inside and outside every day. We've only had the hens since June 2014. They just started laying eggs last month and they give us 2 eggs every day... it is a win-win for our happy, healthy and warm chickens and my family!

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,  
Sally, kids and chicks

**From:** Erika Ding  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2015 4:46 PM  
**To:** [jonibennett12@comcast.net](mailto:jonibennett12@comcast.net) ; [mbrindle@comcast.net](mailto:mbrindle@comcast.net) ; [swensonann1@gmail.com](mailto:swensonann1@gmail.com) ;  
[joshsprague@edinarealty.com](mailto:joshsprague@edinarealty.com)  
**Subject:** Edina Robotics - Robot Reveal Invitation

Hello, City Council of Edina!

The Edina High School robotics team, The Green Machine, is currently in a frenzy of activity to finish our robot before the end of our 6-week "Build-Season", but we wanted to take a moment to invite you to the grand public unveiling of this year's robot.

The challenge for this year's robot is called Recycle Rush. The robot must create stacks of storage containers on top of scoring platforms and then top those stacks off with recycling bins. This has provided a great engineering challenge to our builders, programmers, and designers, and we are excited to show you what we have come up with.

Our 2015 robot reveal ("We <3 Our Robot Day") will take place on February 14th from 12 pm to 2 pm, at our workshop in Edina High School. The address for the school is 6754 Valley View Road, Edina, and our workshop is right by the Edina Performing Arts Center entrance (Door 3).

Attached is an official invitation to our 2015 robot reveal - this is a free event and all are welcome. If you have any questions at all, feel free to contact us at [contact@edinarobotics.com](mailto:contact@edinarobotics.com).

We hope to see you soon!

Erika Ding  
Business and Outreach Lead  
Edina Robotics *FIRST* Team 1816 - The Green Machine

## Jane Timm

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**From:** Joni Bennett <jonibennett12@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2015 12:59 PM  
**To:** Jane Timm  
**Subject:** Fwd: Edina and St. Louis Park Aviation Noise Monitoring Study - for City Council

Hi, Jane -

How are you? I just returned home and found Deb's out-of-office response to my email below. Can you please include my email to the Council below in the Council packet for next Tuesday's meeting?

Please let me know if I should transmit this in another form. Thank you!

Joni

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Joni Bennett <[jonibennett12@comcast.net](mailto:jonibennett12@comcast.net)>  
**Date:** January 29, 2015 8:05:14 AM CST  
**To:** Deb Mangen <[DMangen@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:DMangen@EdinaMN.gov)>  
**Subject:** Edina and St. Louis Park Aviation Noise Monitoring Study - for City Council

Good Morning, Deb -

How are you? I hope all is well with you and yours.

I have some thoughts to share with the City Council regarding the report it will hear next Tuesday about the temporary noise monitoring that was done in Edina and St. Louis Park at the end of August 2014. Would you please share the comments below with the Council and include them in the Council packet?

Thank you!

Kind regards,

Joni

Dear Mayor Hovland and members of the Edina City Council,

At your regular meeting on Tuesday, February 3, you will hear a report from Metropolitan Airports Commission staff on aviation noise monitoring done in Edina and St. Louis Park for a 14 day period at the end of August 2014. As you review the written report (delivered to the MAC's Noise Oversight Committee in November 2014), it would be helpful for you to look also at the August Operations Report available on the NOC website at [www.macnoise.com/tools-reports/monthly-operations-reports](http://www.macnoise.com/tools-reports/monthly-operations-reports). The monthly operations reports provide many types of information including flight density, runway use, and aviation noise recorded at all 39

permanent monitoring locations in the Twin Cities area.

To better evaluate the study's objective measurement of aviation noise in Edina, please compare two items in the Edina and St. Louis Park Monitoring Study, Top Ten Loudest Noise Events for MSP (p. 24) and DNL for each monitoring location (Table 5, p. 12), with corresponding parts of the August Operations Report, MSP Top Ten Aircraft Noise Events per RMT (pp. 24-36) and Analysis of Daily and Monthly Aircraft Noise Events DNL (pp. 37-42).

The top ten loudest events measured by each temporary monitor in Edina and St. Louis Park ranged from 77.4 to 90.6 decibels at monitor #101 in St. Louis Park (located three blocks from the Edina border); 80.4 to 87.3 dB at monitor #102 in Arneson Acres and 79.9 to 83.7 dB at monitor #103 in McGuire Park. Eight of the 39 permanent monitors recorded lower or similar values for all top ten loudest August events: #12 (St. Paul; 71.2 to 78.2 dB); #19 (Bloomington; 80.4 to 84.8 dB); #20 (Richfield; 76.9 to 85.6 dB); #21 (Inver Grove Heights; 79.7 to 85.1 dB); #25 (Eagan; 77.4 to 83.5 dB); #26 (IGH; 79.9 to 84.6 dB); #32 (Bloomington; 75.2 to 77.6 dB) and #34 (Burnsville; 74.1 to 82.1 dB).

DNL is average sound level for aircraft noise events in decibels. Total DNLs for the 14 day temporary monitoring period were 54.7 at monitor #101 in St. Louis Park, 49 at monitor #102 in Arneson Acres and 47.7 at monitor #103 in McGuire Park. These DNLs are greater than the August Monthly DNLs - all 47.4 or less - measured by 10 permanent monitors: ##9, 11, 12 (St. Paul); 17, 31, 32 (Bloomington); 21 (Inver Grove Heights); 33, 34 (Burnsville) and 37 (Eagan).

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the Aviation Noise Monitoring Study and for your ongoing work to address this significant issue.

Sincerely yours,

Joni Bennett  
4003 Lynn Avenue  
Edina MN 55416  
952-927-0661

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** David Frenkel <frenkel@att.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2015 3:35 PM  
**To:** Scott H. Neal  
**Cc:** Bob Stewart; Kevin Staunton; Edina Mail; David Fisher; osha.compliance@state.mn.us; erosandich@lmc.org; envhealth@BloomingtonMN.gov  
**Subject:** Safety issues at Braemar Ice Arena (Edina, MN)

To: Edina City Manager,

Safety issues have to be taken more seriously by the city of Edina especially in venues used primarily by children such as the Braemar Ice Arena. The synchronized skating event at the Braemar Arena has forced children to walk on an icy road behind the east rink carrying hockey bags on a road that is also used by a Zamboni and delivery vehicles. This is a dangerous situation especially at night when it is poorly lit and parents are instructed to drop off children and let them navigate all this alone. Does anybody at the City of Edina understand how dangerous this is and what the liability is to the city if somebody gets hurt?

If you can't make the environment safe for children the outdoor rink should be closed until the indoor access can be used. Children's safety should not be a science experiment for the sake of making money selling ice time.

There is a good reason there is a state law which Edina does not follow that all organizations over 25 employees in the state of MN must have a safety committee and Bloomington does have a safety committee that does an annual safety review of the Bloomington Ice Garden (BIG).

The 1995 Workers' Compensation Reform Bill contained legislation that also impacted safety committees. All public and private employers with more than 25 employees are required to establish and administer joint labor-management safety committees.

<http://www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/PDF/safetycommittees.pdf>

The City of Edina not only needs a safety committee but is required by state law.

The temporary designated hockey drop-off area behind the east arena is not designed for this purpose and it is too tight for cars to turn around and it is marked for emergency vehicles only. The area could get congested making it difficult for an emergency vehicle to get through.

The ground around the outside rink is covered by packed snow and ice. Power cords are running all around where the temporary tents are and remember children are wearing hockey skates. The temporary tents have fire extinguishers on the muddy floor and the exit signs are not back lit as required by state code.

The heating vents into the tent are hot to the touch with no barrier to keep children from putting anything flammable to close to the heat. Even the state fire marshal recommends keeping items away from heating vents. The tents also have no smoke detectors.

The propane tanks used to heat the domes are out in the open and unsecured so anybody can go up to them and play with valves or connections. The tanks should be fenced in for security and safety.

The outdoor temperatures this weekend are predicted to get into the single digits and there is an outdoor unheated portable bathroom for the outdoor rink. Is the city staff expecting children to use an outdoor bathroom in winter weather?

The fire lane around the dome is blocked by signs and the temporary tunnel to the dome. Fire lanes by state code are not to be blocked.

If you go to the domes at Holy Angeles and Eden Prairie they both have perimeter fences for security and safety. The perimeter of the Braemar outdoor rink and dome are completely unsecured. If there is a heavy snow fall ice and/or snow from any of the Braemar roof structures could fall on both children and employees because none of the structures have any perimeter fencing to keep people away from the roof line.

Why is there so much large construction debris in the south parking lot? Not only is it dangerous and another liability it is also taking up parking spaces that evidently will be a premium this weekend. The same construction company that did the rink and dome at Braemar is doing the recreation center construction in Eden Prairie. It is interesting that the construction site and material storage yards are fenced and locked at Eden Prairie. At Braemar the rink construction site was NOT fenced and locked and there is still unsecured construction debris in the south lot. Same construction company different safety oversight.

For the sake of children if the safety conditions at the Braemar outdoor rink cannot be made safe close it for the weekend. Safety should be a priority not an afterthought.

I look forward to the quick formation of the Edina Safety committee as required by state law to help address any unresolved safety issues which would also include the lack of an AED in the Edina dome.

I need not remind you that the highest priority of government is the safety of its citizens including children.

Regards,

David Frenkel  
Edina, MN  
612-237-1966



HENNEPIN COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
701 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 400  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415-1843 612-348-9260

January 27, 2015

The Honorable James Hovland  
Mayor of the City of Edina  
4801 West 50th Street  
Edina, MN 55424

RE: Proposed 2015 Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Activities

Dear Mayor Hovland:

The Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HCHRA) was created under Minnesota Statute 383B.77 in 1987. The HCHRA has all the powers granted by the statewide "HRA Act" (MS 469.001 to 469.047).

MS 383B.77 requires the HCHRA to notify municipal authorities by January 31 of each year as to the activities the HCHRA may administer/facilitate within communities during the upcoming year. Communities may **opt out** of one or more HCHRA activities by notifying the HCHRA in writing to that effect within 45 days of the date of this notice.

Using a mix of federal, state, local, and private funding sources, the HCHRA has identified the following activities for program year 2015:

Activity Name	Description	HCHRA Contact
Minnesota Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	Assists low-income homeowners in financing basic home improvements that directly affect the safety, habitability, energy efficiency or accessibility of their homes.	Rehab Staff (612-348-9260)
Minnesota Housing Emergency and Accessibility Loan Program	Assists low-income homeowners in addressing emergency conditions in the home or essential accessibility needs for a disabled resident.	Rehab Staff (612-348-9260)
Home Accessibility Ramp Program	Provides financial and technical assistance for the construction of accessibility ramps and/or low-riser stairs for low- and moderate-income disabled homeowners.	Carol Stinar (612-348-2670)
Affordable Housing Incentive Fund Program (AHIF)	Provides capital funding to assist in the development of long-term affordable housing units. Projects are selected through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process and require a supporting city council resolution before receiving assistance.	Carol Stinar (612-348-2670)

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Activity Name	Description	HCHRA Contact
Lead-Safe Rehabilitation Assistance Program	Provides financial assistance to property owners for lead-based paint hazard remediation in housing units serving low- and moderate-income households.	Mike Jensen (612-348-2114)
Transit Oriented Development Program (TOD)	Provides capital funding to assist development proximate to priority transit corridors and hubs. Projects are selected through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process and must be in a recognized redevelopment area and receive a supporting city council resolution before receiving assistance.	Thatcher Imboden (612-348-4191)
Common Bond Fund Loan Program	Provides long-term, low-interest, fixed asset revenue bond financing for suburban Hennepin County manufacturing and production businesses.	Patricia Fitzgerald (612-543-0864)
Open to Business	Provides matching funds to cities to offer small business technical assistance to their entrepreneur community through the nonprofit Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD).	Patricia Fitzgerald (612-543-0864)
Economic Gardening	Provides technical assistance to companies that have grown beyond the startup phase and need access to information and decision-making tools typically only available to larger companies.	Patricia Fitzgerald (612-543-0864)
Shelter Plus Care Rental Assistance	Provides tenant-based rental assistance to low-income households through a third party provider (Hearth Connection).	Melisa Illies (612-348-2020)
Foreclosure Prevention Counseling	Provides foreclosure prevention counseling and outreach services through a third party provider (Minnesota Home Ownership Center).	Tonja West-Hafner (612-348-2599)
Homebuyer Education	Homebuyer education courses through a third party provider (TBD).	Tonja West-Hafner (612-348-2599)
Healthy Homes	Provides assessment and financial assistance to property owners to address health and safety hazards such as fall prevention, radon mitigation, and asthma triggers.	Melisa Illies (612-348-2020)
Main Street Business Initiative	As funding permits, provides matching funds to suburban cities for a variety of strategies (i.e. façade improvement, way-finding, streetscape, marketing/branding) that support main street small business districts.	Patricia Fitzgerald (612-543-0864)

We look forward to continuing to work with you in implementing these programs and to develop additional innovative approaches to address housing and community development needs. Please feel free to contact the staff person listed at the end of each program description for further details on the programs or specific funding allocations.

Sincerely,



Debra R. Brisk  
Deputy Executive Director

cc: Commissioner Linda Higgins, Chair  
 Commissioner Randy Johnson, Vice Chair  
 Commissioner Mike Opat  
 Commissioner Peter McLaughlin  
 Commissioner Marion Greene  
 Commissioner Jan Callison  
 Commissioner Jeff Johnson

David Hough, Executive Director  
 Scott Neal, City Manager

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** School Office <info@mnchinese.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2015 5:17 PM  
**To:** jhovland@hovlandrasmus.com  
**Cc:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** FW: 2015 Chinese New Year Celebration on Feb 15th at Valley View Middle School Edina  
**Attachments:** certificates for lion dance teams 2.pdf; on site flyer 0127.pdf

Hi Mayor Hovland, Just want to make sure the previous email reach you well?

Best regards,

Melody Zhou

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**From:** School Office [<mailto:info@mnchinese.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015 2:46 PM  
**To:** 'jhovland@hovlandrasmus.com'  
**Cc:** 'secretary.edinacc@gmail.com'; 'Chloe.Lu@edinaschools.org'  
**Subject:** 2015 Chinese New Year Celebration on Feb 15th at Valley View Middle School Edina

Dear Mayor Hovland,

We are glad to know that you and your wife will be at our event! It will be great if you could present a short speech at opening (around 1:40pm). The following VIP guests will be invited and give out red packs (donated by Shuang Hur & Mall of America) to children around 1:45pm:

1. Jim Hovland and LaRae Ellingson Hovland (*need confirm name*), Edina mayor & wife
2. Ric Dressen, Superintendent, Edina Public School
3. Doug Killian, Director, Mall of America
4. Joan Brzezinski, Executive Director, China Center & Confucius Institute
5. Randal Smasal, Director of Teaching & Learning, Edina Public School
6. Mary Manderfeld, Director of Enrollment & School Improvement Edina Public School
7. Susan Tennyson, Director of Research and Evaluation, Edina Public School
8. Thomas Huang and Daisy Haung, owner of Shuang Hur Super Market & wife
9. Chloe Lu, Assist Principal, Minnesota International Chinese School
10. Jerry Tian, Former director, Edina Chinese Association

Please see attached:

1. certificate for 4 lion dance teams to be signed (original copies will be given on site)
2. on site flyer (draft) for your information

We look forward to meeting you and your lovely wife at this great Edina event!

Best regards,

Melody

Principal,  
Minnesota International Chinese School

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Café 99 九久缘餐厅  
China Center/Confucius Institute 中国中心/孔子学院  
CIAC Travel 中国国际旅游中心  
EDINA School District 伊黛娜学区  
Explorer Minnesota 明州旅游局  
Great Clip York Ave. Edina 超级理发师  
Grand Sichuan 大四川  
Hunan Restaurant 湖南餐厅  
Kangle Adult Day Care 康乐老人中心  
Legacy Adult Daycare 常青老人中心  
Little Sichuan 小四川  
Little Swan Dance Studio 韩文茵小天鹅舞蹈工作室  
Mall of America 美国商城  
Meilin Art Studio 美林画室  
Northwest Grains International  
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Statefarm – Moon Lai 保险代理黎满霖先生  
Stenmark Financial Services 信德会计税务公司  
Tianjin Chinese Restaurant 天津园  
US West Financial 美西贷款-颜林先生

*Alphabetic order based on English names 英文字母排列*



## 2015 羊年春節廟會

*The Year of the Goat*

**Celebrating the Spring Festival - Enjoying the Carnival!**

**时间 Time:**

Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 2015, 1:30-5:30pm

**地点 Location:**

Valley View Middle School Edina  
6750 Valley View Rd, Edina, MN 55439

**主办单位 Hosted by:**

- 明州国际中文学校 *Minnesota International Chinese School*
- 伊黛娜华人协会 *Edina Chinese Association*

2015 羊年新春游园庙会

“多彩中华”- 节目单 Performance List

扬眉吐气齐欢庆, 姹紫嫣红秀春光 (Opening)

新春舞狮大赛团体 1 ..... 何家舞狮队  
 嘉宾拜年, 发红包  
 迎春民族时装表演 ..... 明州国际中文学校

第一乐章 游子情怀(抽奖 1) Section 1 - Home, my sweet home

童声合唱“游子吟” (古筝伴奏)  
 芭蕾: 妈妈怀里的歌  
 男高音独唱“父亲”  
 重唱: “时间都去哪儿了”  
 新春舞狮大赛团体 2 ..... Edina High

第二乐章 国韵风采(抽奖 2) Section 2 - Chinese Rhythm

古筝表演  
 女声二重唱“茉莉花”  
 舞蹈社 1  
 男女声二重唱“茶马古道情歌”  
 新春舞狮大赛团体 3 ..... 宏德舞狮队

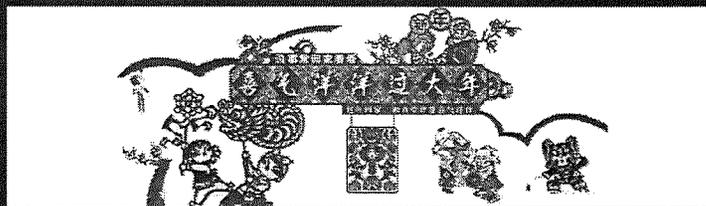
第三乐章 童年丝语(抽奖 3) Section 3 - Childhood Happiness

领唱与合唱“让我们荡起双桨”  
 芭蕾: 唐吉珂德  
 Do You Want to Build a Snowman  
 舞蹈社 2  
 新春舞狮大赛团体 4 ..... 许家精武队

第四乐章 节日欢腾(抽奖 4) Section 4 - Carnival Celebration

男女声 6 人组合“踏歌起舞”  
 女声独唱“美丽的心情”  
 芭蕾: 荷蓓莉娅  
 男声独唱“望月”  
 女声小合唱“今夜无眠”

新年快乐! Happy New Year!



2015 Carnival to celebrate The Year of the Goat

游戏单 (Reward Sheet)

玩游戏, 收集贴纸, 到兑奖处换取大奖!

Collect points, and get your rewards at Prize Station!

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Ann Swenson <swensonann1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 30, 2015 1:20 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Re: 7200 France, and bigger questions

Katherine, I have more than unease in the failure at 72nd and France. The neighborhood will see the four story office building in the next month or so and it will probably need no variances. We will have zero legal ability to make significant changes and all the traffic will be able to exit into that neighborhood. They will get much worse than what they could have had with housing. As to trees, we are expecting that back to us with a few changes. You and I disagree about Grandview. I think the CAT 1 study has clear vision for the whole Grandview area. As to "planning" an area like the west side of France south and north of 72nd, we can have vision, and ordinances but we do not own the property. We are not allowed to make changes that down grade what can be built today. Our comp plan is a vision with zoning, not a plan for specific properties. Thanks for your thoughts. Ann

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 30, 2015, at 10:37 AM, Edina Mail <[mail@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:mail@EdinaMN.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Katherine Stelberg Bass [<mailto:kmsbass@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 30, 2015 10:31 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** 7200 France, and bigger questions

City Council members,

I begin by sharing my deep respect and appreciation for your service to the city. From my vantage point of serving in a commission, the many hours council spends meeting, learning, listening, reflecting and making decisions that serve the best interests of the community's future is noble and under-appreciated service.

I confess I feel a deep sense of unease in the failure to move the 7200 France project. I appreciate and agree with the need to be clear on the future, values and rules for France Ave as a redeveloping corridor (and not develop parcels in a one-sie-two-sie way absent that vision and clear direction). Indeed, I feel much the same way about the public works site at Grandview. How will we make progress on achieving our vision and addressing our challenges when we are looking at trees and have no rules for the forest? We need clear planning direction for the entire area, not just principles.

Every site that is redeveloped will be with us for 50 years or more. Every site that is redeveloped is an opportunity to live our values and take a step closer to our vision. So I urge you, please do

the planning work that needs to be done with a fierce sense of urgency to get clarity about density, height and other questions that align with our vision of the future. We cannot continue to let these opportunities to add workforce housing, improve walkability, decrease impermeable surfaces....slip away. This is a disservice to future generations of Edina residents.

Sincerely,

Katherine Bass  
6917 Gleason Road  
Edina, MN 55439

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Knutson, Katie (CI-StPaul) <katie.knutson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 30, 2015 3:14 PM  
**To:** Knutson, Katie (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** City Street Funding Press Coverage

Hi Mayors,

Below are links to the articles that have given coverage to the need for more funding for city roads. Today Mayor Coleman and US DOT Secretary Foxx co-wrote an op-ed that is in the Pioneer Press urging the passage of a federal transportation bill. Please feel free to share the op-ed as you see fit.

Katie

Today: [http://www.twincities.com/Opinion/Columnists/ci\\_27422315/Coleman-Foxx:-We-need-federal-money-for-local-roads-Call-Congress](http://www.twincities.com/Opinion/Columnists/ci_27422315/Coleman-Foxx:-We-need-federal-money-for-local-roads-Call-Congress)

1/29/15

<http://www.republican-eagle.com/news/region/3666281-dayton-wants-11-billion-transportation>

1/3/2015

[http://www.twincities.com/transportation/ci\\_27247226/more-money-is-needed-minnesota-roads-but-where](http://www.twincities.com/transportation/ci_27247226/more-money-is-needed-minnesota-roads-but-where)

12/21/2014

[http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci\\_27184785/city-plans-request-40-million-from-state-kellogg](http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_27184785/city-plans-request-40-million-from-state-kellogg)

12/17/2014

<http://www.startribune.com/local/blogs/286128021.html>



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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Katherine Stelberg Bass <kmsbass@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 31, 2015 4:47 PM  
**To:** Lynette Biunno  
**Subject:** Re: 7200 France

Thanks, Ann,

I really appreciate your response. I wish we could move faster on these small area plans for redevelopment "hot spots." If I had one wish, I would use it to find budget for more small area planning processes around the city. I feel it would help provide more guidance to developers and education for residents about addressing challenges, public needs and values with development.

I feel badly about 72nd and France. I appreciate your vote to move it forward.

Katherine

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 30, 2015, at 1:41 PM, Lynette Biunno <[lbiunno@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:lbiunno@EdinaMN.gov)> wrote:

Katherine, I have more than unease in the failure at 72nd and France. The neighborhood will see the four story office building in the next month or so and it will probably need no variances. We will have zero legal ability to make significant changes and all the traffic will be able to exit into that neighborhood. They will get much worse than what they could of had with housing. As to trees, we are expecting that back to us with a few changes. You and I disagree about Grandview. I think the CAT 1 study has clear vision for the whole Grandview area. As to "planning " an area like the west side of France south and north of 72nd. we can have vision, and ordinances but we do not own the property. We are not allowed to make changes that down grades what can be built today. Our comp plan is a vision with zoning, not a plan for specific properties.  
Thanks for your thoughts.

Ann

Sent from my iPad

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** jeff.simondet@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 31, 2015 8:37 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Contact Us form submission

Name: jeff simondet

Organization:

Website: [jeff.simondet@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.simondet@gmail.com)

Address\_1: 4448 vandervork ave

Address\_2:

City: edina

State: MN

Zip\_Code: 55436

Email: [jeff.simondet@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.simondet@gmail.com)

Phone: 9522127734

Referrer: email\_or\_other\_correspondence\_from\_city

Message: re: airport noise meeting Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 7:00 p.m. Question: If the purpose of this change is to reduce flight lengths to save costs of fuel, etc. and it is all satellite-directed routes, why do we have to change any of the routes within 10 miles of the airport as that is a small fraction of the overall route? If our neighborhood is affected due to increased airplane noise, and our home values drop, what will be done to compensate homeowners?



Meeting Basic Needs.  
Building Stronger Communities.

January 29, 2015

Mayor James Hovland  
City of Edina  
4801 50th Street West  
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mayor Hovland;

Thank you for the City of Edina's donation of \$25,000.00 to VEAP. Your contribution will be put to work right away to support individuals and families in our community during times of financial crisis to help them re-gain stability.

2014 was a year to remember. The doors of the VEAP Service Center opened on Monday, January 6 at 8:00 a.m. It was -23 °F and several feet of snow surrounded the building. Even so, volunteers stood at the ready to great clients. By all accounts, the impact on service delivery and client outcomes has been a tremendous success. More clients are being served more quickly and more efficiently than before. By the end of 2014, nearly 10,000 individuals were benefitting from VEAP's services each month—a significant jump from the 7,000 prior to the move.

As we look to 2015, once again VEAP will be facing change and new opportunities. After 39 years as VEAP's executive director, Susan Russell Freeman has announced her retirement. Susan's leadership and commitment to our neighbors in need has taken the organization from a small food shelf in a church closet to the largest food shelf in the state of Minnesota. As our community has evolved, so has VEAP and today our integrated basic needs programs help low-income individuals and families in our community remain stable in their housing and keep food on the table. This has contributed to the stable, thriving communities we call home.

We are excited for the year ahead. Together with VEAP volunteers and staff, Susan has built a foundation upon which the organization will continue to thrive. You can stay up to date on what's happening at VEAP by signing up for the monthly @VEAP Link e-newsletter via our website [www.veap.org](http://www.veap.org), and follow us on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/veapvol](http://www.facebook.com/veapvol) and Twitter at VEAPVolunteers.

Sincerely,

Susan Russell-Freeman  
Executive Director

*To appreciate  
your partnership  
& generous  
support*

P.S. Mark your calendar for the second annual A Toast to VEAP event on Friday, February 27. For more information visit [www.veapvolunteers.org/events/a-toast-to-veap](http://www.veapvolunteers.org/events/a-toast-to-veap). We hope you will join us!

Please consider this letter your receipt. VEAP is a 501 (c)(3) organization and all contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. No goods or services were received in exchange for this contribution.

Hein and Susan de Hoog  
6208 Crescent Dr  
Edina, MN. 55436

January 23, 2015

Misters Kevin Staunton and Bob Stewart  
Edina City Council Members  
4801 West 50<sup>th</sup> St.  
Edina, MN. 55424

Gentleman,

Congratulations! We are delighted to know that our votes mattered in that you were both elected to the City Council. Refreshing to know that we actually can change status quo and vote new people into office. Furthermore, your backgrounds with strong business ties that know and understand budgets, and the need for fiscal responsibility, we hope will prove to be good for the city and its citizens so that we don't continue to spend money on a whim as the Council is "in the mood".

As we read the Sun Current dated January 22, 2015, we would again like to congratulate you and make a request. The congratulations is for having the courage to NOT vote along with the other council members, or the strong arming of the mayor (in this instance on the 7200 France Development). We understand that as new council members, it takes courage to stand out and not succumb to the pressure of voting along with other members, and to vote your own conscience and to stand up for what you believe. Our request is that as you find tenure in your positions, that you continue to do this and not get caught up in the politics of the council and negotiate trade-offs where "you approve my project and I'll approve yours".

For entirely different reasons, we would like to congratulate you for voting no on the 7200 development project. We firmly believe that land should be used by homeowners and developers in any way they want, that meets zoning regulations. We also believe that variances should be granted for hardship situations to people who owned property that they are now not able to develop as a result of a zoning change that occurred AFTER they already owned the property. What may also happen is that a zoning regulation exists and by granting a variance, no hardship is experienced by surrounding property owners. None of these situations occurred on this project so good for you for not giving in.

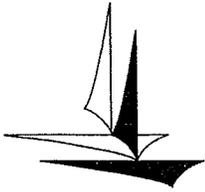
As a side note, in addition to our home, we also own rental property just 4 blocks from this proposed 7200 development, and received an unsolicited offer on our property. A large part of our decision to accept the offer is due to this development proposed. History had it that whatever the mayor wanted the mayor got. Thinking that history would repeat, we decided to sell while we could and before the project passed (buyer is from out of area). Unlike what the mayor said in the Sun Current article, we believe this development is an entirely different use of space than the Westin developments due to the proximity of residential housing. Good for you for understanding the difference! We are not against developments and increasing things such as affordable housing or senior housing. On the contrary, Edina needs to play catch up with neighboring communities to gain back the tax base we have lost to other cities that have properly embraced denser housing projects. Edina just needs to do it in the proper locations.

Gentleman, keep up the good work!

Respectfully and sincerely,



Susan de Hoog



**Minneapolis**  
City of Lakes

**Finance Department**

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January 26, 2015

Mayor James Hovland  
City of Edina  
4801 West 50<sup>th</sup> St.  
Edina, MN

Mayor Jeff Jacobs  
City of St. Louis Park  
5005 Minnetonka Blvd.  
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Re: Proposed Sale of Minneapolis-Owned Land at 40<sup>th</sup> and France

Dear Mayor Hovland and Mayor Jacobs,

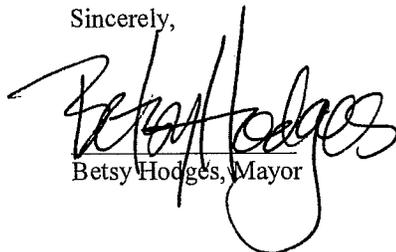
Thank you for your December 19th letter indicating the interest of Edina and St. Louis Park in purchasing the above-referenced property. We also understand the support of some of the residents in your communities to leave the land undeveloped at this time, and acknowledge that leaving the land undeveloped may have some value to Minneapolis residents in the adjacent neighborhoods.

We recently received a new appraisal reflecting current market conditions regarding the property's potential use for residential development purposes. A thorough analysis by the appraiser concluded that this land is both developable and highly desirable. Based upon our appraiser's report, developing the property without any variances to existing codes or ordinances in either city, results in a fair market value of \$1.9 million. With minimal variances that have been granted in similar circumstances previously, the fair market value is approximately \$2.5 million.

Minneapolis' first preference, as always, is to sell you the property at fair market value with no conditions attached to the transaction, so at least \$1.9 million. However, we recognize the value of open space and the benefit that some Minneapolis residents could receive from its preservation. Therefore, we would certainly consider a small discount from the fair market value if special conditions on future use of the land or improvements to the property are part of the transaction. Accordingly, with a covenant committing your cities to maintain a portion of the property as open space into the future, we would entertain offers in the range of \$1.6- \$1.7 million.

Please have your respective City Managers continue to work with Greg Goeke on this potential sale. Minneapolis's acceptance of an offer remains subject to formal proceedings and approval of the full City Council.

Sincerely,

  
Betsy Hodges, Mayor



Barb Johnson, Council President

cc: Kevin Reich, Chair of Public Works and Transportation Committee  
Linea Palmisano, Vice Chair of Public Works and Transportation Committee  
Spencer Cronk, City Coordinator  
Kevin Carpenter, Chief Financial Officer  
Steve Kotke, City Engineer



## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Rep.David.Bly@house.mn  
**Sent:** Friday, January 30, 2015 5:07 PM  
**To:** Nakasian Suzie  
**Subject:** Reminder!- Monday 3-5pm- Inter-City Passenger Rail Meeting  
**Attachments:** Connection to Amtrak.pdf; LIST OF SUPPORTERS.doc; SUGGESTED LETTER TO MNDOT.doc

Greetings and all aboard! This is a reminder of our upcoming Passenger rail meeting in Northfield. Hope you can make it as we hear an update from MN DOT have one more chance to make comments on the State Rail plan. Look forward to visiting with you.

Rep. David Bly

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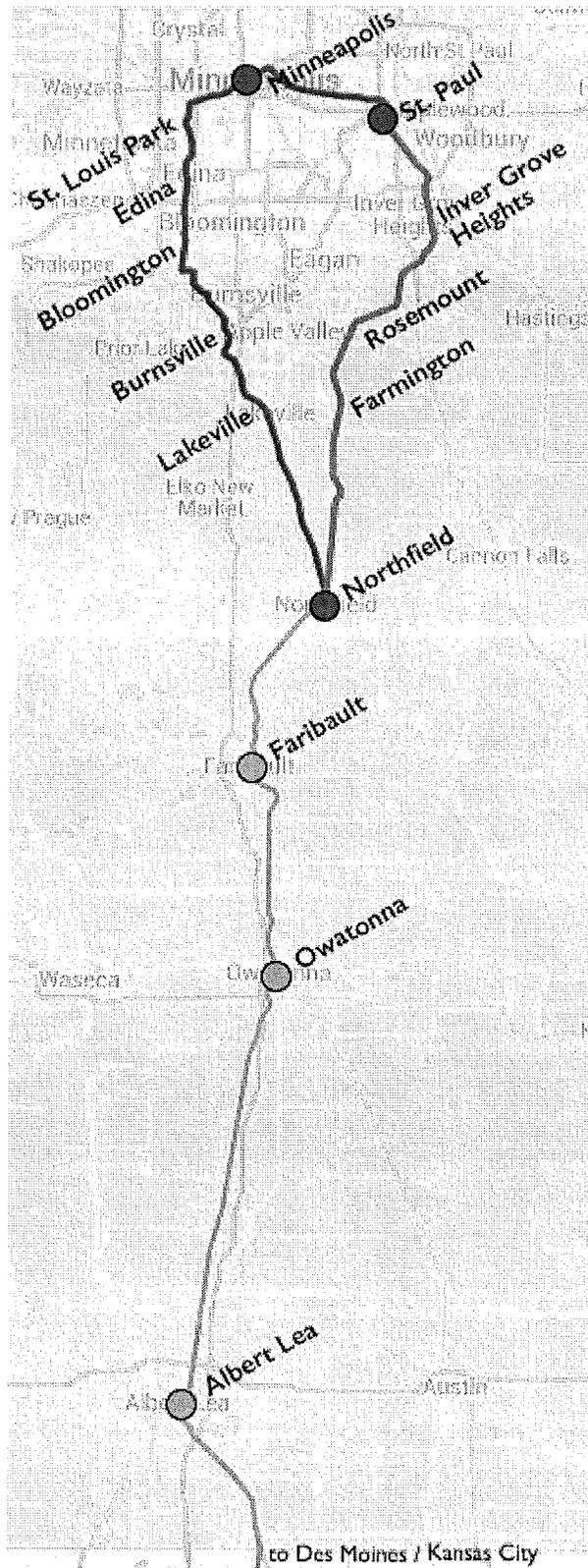
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Featuring Presentations and Discussion led by  
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RSVP to Suzie Nakasian at [507-649-0382](tel:507-649-0382) or [Suzienakasian@gmail.com](mailto:Suzienakasian@gmail.com) and let us know who from your city/county or institution will be attending. Thank you.



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A MnDot Public Open House regarding the Revision of the State Rail Plan will immediately follow this meeting, in the Larson Room of the Weitz Center from 5:00 - 7:00pm. MnDot staff will be on hand to update the public on the Rail Plan's revision and receive public comments on the Plan.

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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Jackie Sullivan <sullivan6832@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 02, 2015 9:12 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1@gmail.com; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart  
**Subject:** 66 West -- Support for City of Edina Capital Contribution

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members Brindle, Swenson, Staunton, and Stewart:

I would like to thank you for supporting 66 West, the 39 unit affordable housing development for young adults located across from Southdale on 66<sup>th</sup> Street. We are very excited about the project and the possibilities for young adults experiencing homelessness to build a new life in Edina. The next step of course is raising the capital needed to make the project a reality as soon as possible.

I ask you to support a capital contribution to the project by the City of Edina. I understand this topic may be on the agenda of an upcoming Council meeting. In June 2015, our development partner Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative will submit an application to the State of Minnesota for the bulk of the capital funds needed to build 66 West. Beacon's application will be more competitive and successful if we can demonstrate local investment and funding commitments. The City of Edina's contribution to capital will help leverage millions more from the State and other sources to build this project. ***Please do what you can to help make this happen.***

I am live in Edina and am an active member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. I also participate in meetings of the Edina Community Lutheran Church housing task force.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jackie Sullivan  
6832 Gleason Road, Edina  
952.941.4153

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Suzie Nakasian <suzienakasian@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 02, 2015 10:45 AM  
**To:** Suzie Nakasian  
**Cc:** David Bly; Sen. Kevin Dahle; Galen  
**Subject:** ALL ABOARD!!! Rail Meeting Reminder!- TODAY (Mon 2/2) 3-5pm in Northfield  
**Attachments:** Connection to Amtrak.pdf; SUGGESTED LETTER TO MNDOT.doc

**Reminder** - If you have not yet rsvp'd for today's Regional Leaders Meeting in Northfield please RSVP to me via phone at [507-649-0382](tel:507-649-0382) or [Suzienakasian@gmail.com](mailto:Suzienakasian@gmail.com) and let us know who from your city/county or institution will be attending.

We have another strong turnout for this meeting. I hope you can be with us.

Thank you.  
Suzie Nakasian  
Coordinator, Central Minnesota Inter-City Regional Passenger Rail Initiative  
507-649-0382

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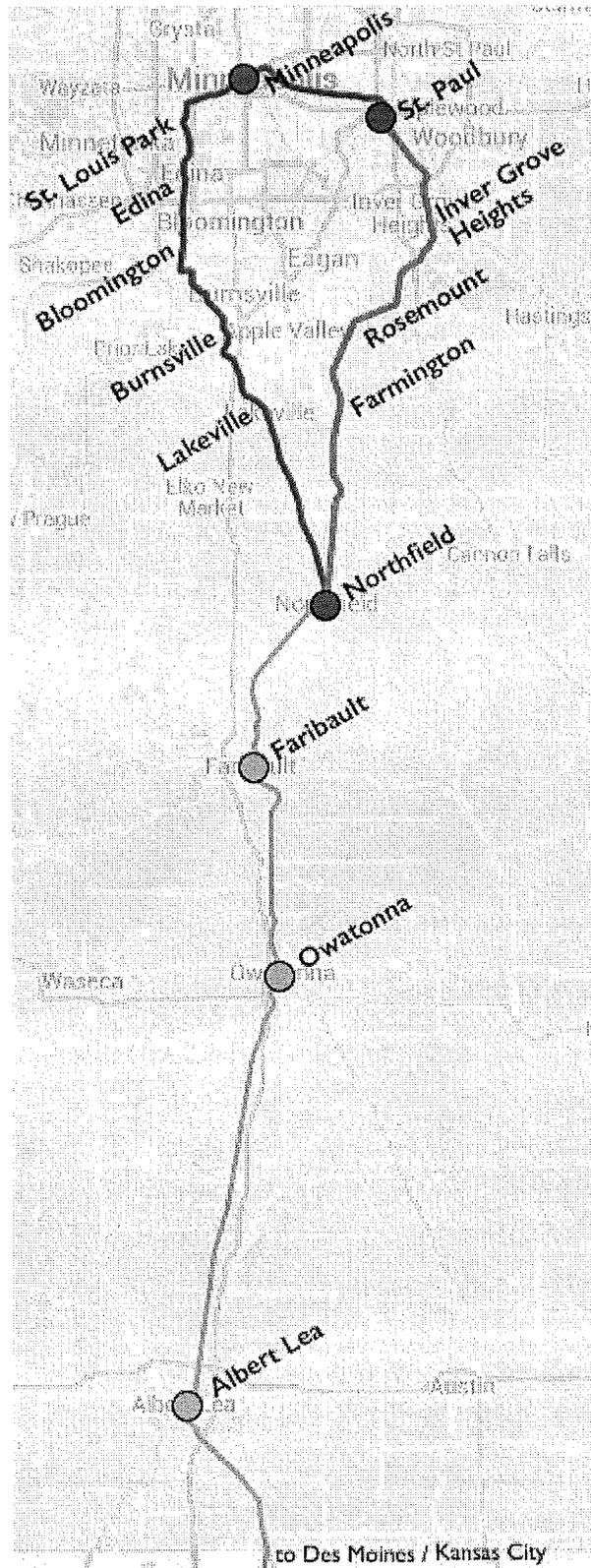
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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Lori Grotz <lori@lorigrotz.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 02, 2015 1:17 PM  
**To:** Deb Mangan; 'Bob Stewart'; 'Kevin Staunton'; Edina Mail; Scott H. Neal  
**Subject:** Feb 3rd City Council Agenda

Hi Deb,

I have two concerns:

- The “correspondence” on the Feb 3, 2015 City Council agenda was not downloaded. I know I have called or emailed you in the past regarding the omissions of downloading the correspondence on previous City Council agendas, but would you please let me know whom I should contact, when it happens again.
- I also noticed on the Feb 3, 2015 City Council agenda, that **“Resolution No. 2015-19 Permission To Work in Conservation Easement Leonard and Missy Blum, 5240 Highwood Drive, Edina, MN” is listed under REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS yet in the January 22, 2015 Edina Sun Newspaper, a “Notice of Public Hearing” is posted for this proposed work in the conservation easement at 5240 Highwood Dr.**

**From Agenda:**

VIII. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS (*Favorable vote of majority of Council Members present to approve except where noted*)

G. Resolution No. 2015-19 Permission To Work In Conservation Easement Leonard and Missy Blum, 5240 Highwood Drive, Edina MN

Public comment is taken during a Public Hearing whereas no public comment is taken during REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS.

Would you please make the correction to the agenda and add 5240 Highwood Drive to the Public Hearings.

Also, is the Planning Commission required to review the proposed building of retaining walls, patio, and steps in the conservation easement(City property), for the benefit of the new homeowner, prior to the City Council reviewing it at a Public Hearing?

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. It is greatly appreciated.

Lori Grotz  
5513 Park Place

Aerial photo of property at 5240 Highwood Dr. (5240 at bottom of photo)



**Edina Sun Current Public Notice**

By ECM  
January 22, 2015 at 6:17 am

  
Email  
  
Print

City of Edina  
(Official Publication)  
CITY OF EDINA

4801 WEST 50TH STREET

EDINA, MN 55424

Notice of Public Hearing

THE EDINA CITY COUNCIL will meet at the Edina City Hall, Council Chambers, 4801 West 50th Street, on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 7:00 PM, and will at said time and place to consider the following:

Permission to Work in Conservation Easement. Leonard and Missy Blum is requesting permission to perform work in a conservation easement that includes grading, construction of retaining walls, steps and patio and cutting down and replanting of trees for 5240 Highwood Drive, Edina, MN. Generally located east of Highwood Drive and west of Mirror Lake.

All recommendations and objections will be hearing at said meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE

EDINA CITY COUNCIL

Debra Mangen

City Clerk

1/22/15, 3SC1, PHN

5240 Highwood Dr, 337913

Filed Under: Notice of Public Hearings

## Heather Branigin

**From:** VEAP <timf@veap.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 02, 2015 2:21 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Your Invitation for A Toast to VEAP February 27

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### A Toast to **VEAP**

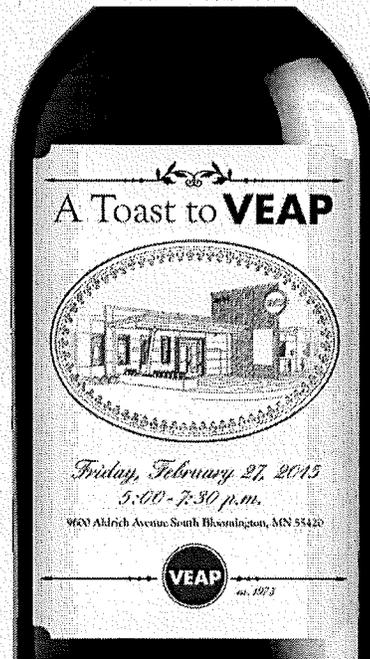
**Whether You're a Wine Connoisseur  
or Beer Dabbler, Join Us for this  
Toast in Celebration of VEAP**

**February 27, 2015  
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
9600 Aldrich Avenue South  
Bloomington 55420**

- Enjoy assortment of wines and craft beers, appetizers and raffle
- Proceeds support VEAP's Food Program, serving 10,000 individuals monthly in Richfield, Bloomington, Edina and portions of South Minneapolis

**Tickets are \$35/person early bird  
\$45/person after February 14**

**BUY TICKETS >>**



A Toast to VEAP also kicks off the [March Food Drive](#). After the festivities of the holidays, food shelves across the state become increasingly bare. A Toast to VEAP offers a unique opportunity for volunteers, business and other community partners to enjoy an evening together and simultaneously help VEAP reach our goal of 115,000 pounds or dollars. Bring a food donation, make a cash donation or click [here](#) to order your March Food Drive supplies.

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Wires, Natalie <nwires@tunheim.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 02, 2015 4:48 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Call re: VEAP Stakeholder Research

Hello Mayor Hovland,

I'm working with VEAP for a stakeholder research project and the team has identified you as someone who I should talk to. Specifically I'd like to hear about your perceptions of VEAP, your understanding of the organization and how they might improve communications with you. The discussion should take no longer than 15-20 minutes, and the comments will be presented anonymously as a part of the larger group of stakeholder responses, so our hope is that you will be frank and open with your feedback.

Please let me know what your availability is this week and next for a quick call.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Best,  
Natalie  
951-851-7207

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Jan Callison <noreply@qemailserver.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 02, 2015 5:29 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee Survey

As the chairperson for the Southwest Community Works Steering Committee, Hennepin County Commissioner Jan Callison would like your input to help shape the committee's work in 2015. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey; it should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your answers will be kept anonymous and only summary data will be presented. Please see the attached January letter from Commissioner Callison for additional details.

[Steering Committee January letter 01 08 2015](#)

**Follow this link to the Survey:**

[Take the Survey](#)

Or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:

[https://hennepin.co1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsSurveyEngine/?Q\\_SS=086aoVHvTp9Q2hf\\_erlYrTGU2ZT50xv&\\_ =1](https://hennepin.co1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsSurveyEngine/?Q_SS=086aoVHvTp9Q2hf_erlYrTGU2ZT50xv&_ =1)

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**From:** kathymsandy@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 02, 2015 9:41 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Contact Us form submission

Name: Kathy Sandy

Organization:

Website: 4800 E. Sunnyslope Road

Address\_1: 4800 E. Sunnyslope Road

Address\_2: 4800 E. Sunnyslope Road

City: Edina

State: MN

Zip\_Code: 55424

Email: [kathymsandy@yahoo.com](mailto:kathymsandy@yahoo.com)

Phone: 9522376938

Referrer: someone\_in\_the\_neighborhood

Message: Regarding Implementation of RNav... While it seems RNav is inevitable, are you still in negotiations over the routes in and out of MPS the FAA will utilize? In Boston NexGen routed air traffic AROUND the densely populated communities surrounding Boston Logan, and brought the air traffic in over the ocean. Why can't we do the same, and route flights in over less densely populated area? See this NexGen video here...  
[.https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4tOW08Jb5o&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4tOW08Jb5o&feature=youtu.be)

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Tate Phernetton <tatep21583@apps.edina.k12.mn.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 03, 2015 8:35 AM  
**Subject:** Service Learning Project

Dear City Council members,

I am emailing you about my service learning project for one of my assignments. I have reason to believe that if people are able to start driving sooner, it can positively effect others on the road. Here is my petition; <https://docs.google.com/a/apps.edina.k12.mn.us/document/d/1QqqTvMWHDKpTrjFvIUjvuzhQ1TOg7XEBevzm56PMJh4/edit>

Thank you for your consideration,

Tate

## Younger Driving Limitations

I would like to address to you the dire need to reduce the limitations on driving and or owning a licensed vehicle. As of our current predicament, children of all ethnicities, all over the Earth, are using forms of entertainment that teach improper driving skills. If they start driving after playing such games like Need For Speed, or Smash Bandits, they will have the urge to disobey cooperation with the authorities. If they start driving earlier, their mind can be easily tricked with guile to know the difference between acceptable and unacceptable driving skills. In addition, it would greatly benefit the other people driving if the the kid would have avoided Grand Theft Auto, for that game is sinful, and could possibly cause bad road behavior. To add on, the older one gets, the more bad thoughts race through their brain. Young ones can be corrupted, but also 'corrupted' to do the right thing early enough, and it sticks with them throughout their childhood, adulthood, and old-personhood. Please consider this request.

Sign here: Zachary Kerekes, Oliver Juairé, Alex Bronkala, Liam Sheeley, Annika Diasabeygunawardena, Dawson Langdon, Cooper Mollet, Kennedy Beck, Sacha Froget, Maxwell Opitz,

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Kathy Sandy <kathysandy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:24 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Mary Brindle (Comcast); Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Lewis G. Sandy  
**Subject:** NextGen.... Airport Noise... Concerns/Questions

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

I just learned that NextGen RNav will be implemented for arrivals at MSP on March 15th. Here are some questions and comments:

Do you know what the flight paths the FAA will implement? If so, can you please send me a link to these maps? I would appreciate it very much.

I am sure you have seen the CBS News piece that features the reality of life with RNav that residents of Phoenix must endure.

See here --> [FAA's new air traffic control system NextGen causing major noise pollution](#)

But have you seen the video that NextGen put out promoting RNav?

See here--> [NextGen is Getting Fans to the Big Game](#)

One thing I notice about the flights in and out of Boston in the video above: flights have been routed AROUND the suburbs surrounding Logan Airport and make their approaches and landings over the ocean instead. Isn't this similar to what Fair Skies has been promoting with the use of Runway 17? If the FAA can make concessions for Boston, surely they can make concessions for Minneapolis. I lived in Boston and its suburbs for many years and it does not surprise me that concessions were made. There is no "Minnesota Nice" in Boston. They simply would not stand for anything less. There is always room for negotiation if we stand our ground. Can we count on you for continued commitment to preserving our quiet skies in Edina?

Along those lines, can we request a review of the new implementation after a period of 6 months to assess the affects on the community?

Also... whatever happened with the attorney the City hired a few years back? Was anything produced? Would it be useful to bring in an attorney again? While this might be off-putting to MAC, it might be in our best interest to have someone on our side who represents ONLY the residents and does not have a fiduciary responsibility to the MSP and by association, the airlines as well. I almost feel that MAC has a bit of a conflict of interest in representing both.

Thank you in advance for your replies.

Kathy Sandy  
4800 E. Sunnyslope Road

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** curriewrks@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:36 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Contact Us form submission

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Message: Here are 3 observations, followed by questions for tonight's MAC meeting: 1-There appear to be significant negatives tied to the looming RNav implementation, most significantly, the increase in noise over dense residential neighborhoods, including Edina. What is MAC currently doing to find noise-neutral solutions to it? Our mutual goal should be to aid efforts to increase the safety and security of air traffic while maximizing efforts to preserve the safety and quality of life for the population below. 2- Since day and night air traffic levels are not the same—more flights occur during daytime hours—the DNL Daily Noise Level measurement (which averages them out over the entire day) doesn't truly measure airplane noise against the perceived noise experienced by residents. Why does this DNL metric continue to be used as an accurate metric of noise measurements? Why isn't there a separate set of day and night readings to more accurately measure the activity and impact of air traffic? 3-There appears to be mounting evidence that the FAA doesn't appear to take seriously the residents needs and concerns. The overwhelming response last year from Edina residents was that our quality of life was negatively impacted by the RNav test. As City Council members, what are your priorities in dealing with this issue? Are the quality of life, concerns, and complaints of Edina residents more important than anything else or are there other issues that you believe are more important? 4-Why is it that no new questions will be accepted at the meeting tonight? That seems very much at odds to having open discourse with our citizens and neighbors?

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** John Currie <curriewrks@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:44 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Mayor Hovlund: Questions for tonight's City Council Meeting

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I look forward to hearing these questions addressed tonight.

Respectfully,

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