

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: March 19, 2013

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

None necessary.

Information / Background:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

Dear Rep Erhardt/Senator Franzen & Mayor Hovland,
Please read the linked article. This is another major reason why the Dan Patch Corridor being used for commuter rail is so important. While Southwest Light rail is very important it only extends as far as Eden Prairie while the Dan Patch line goes as far as Northfield & Fairbault.

Sincerely
Andy Brown

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n Mon, 3/4/13, rep.ron.erhardt@house.leg.state.mn.us <rep.ron.erhardt@house.leg.state.mn.us> wrote:

From: rep.ron.erhardt@house.leg.state.mn.us <rep.ron.erhardt@house.leg.state.mn.us>
Subject: 2013 Session Update: February Forecast
To: "Announcements From Representative Ron Erhardt" <rep_ron_erhardt_list@ww3.house.leg.state.mn.us>
Date: Monday, March 4, 2013, 6:35 PM

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Minnesota House of Representatives

Rep. Ron Erhardt (49A) - Email Newsletter



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March 4, 2013

Dear neighbors,

Last week, Minnesota Management and Budget released the February economic forecast. The February budget forecast shows a projected budget deficit of \$627 million for fiscal years 2014-15. This is an improvement of \$463 million from the November budget forecast that showed a projected deficit of \$1.1 billion.

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[Statement on Governor Dayton's State of the State Address](#) - (Posted: Feb 6 2013 8:26PM)

[STATE REP. ERHARDT SWORN-IN AS LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS](#) - (Posted: Jan 9 2013 11:37AM)

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Education: B.A., psychology,

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University of Minnesota, Twin

Cities

Elected: 1990

Term: 10th (non-consecutive)

Family: Single

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Fiscal year 2012-13 is now projected to have a positive balance of \$295 million. Current law directs \$290 million to pay back the K-12 school shifts, leaving a balance of \$801 million that is still owed to the schools.

The economic forecast shows that Minnesota is moving in the right direction. We are seeing employment growth and job recovery that is ahead of the nation. Minnesota is projected to reach pre-recession levels of employment by the end of the year.

Unfortunately, we still have a very large budget deficit to solve. Over the last ten years, Minnesota has experienced eight budget deficits and is in a cycle of having a budget deficit year after year. We have a unique opportunity at this point to correct our finances and to set our state on stable financial footing into the future.

Please contact me with your input as we work to put forth a responsible balanced budget. I appreciate hearing from Edina residents. I can be reached by phone at 651-296-4363 or by email at rep.ron.erhardt@house.mn.

Sincerely,

Ron Erhardt
State Representative, Edina

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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2013 2:38 PM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW:

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...For Living, Learning, Raising Families & Doing Business -----Original Message-----

From: Suzanne Knelman [<mailto:sueknelman@aol.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 04, 2013 12:41 PM

To: Edina Mail

Subject:

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

I realize you are very busy but do you think you could direct the city manager to send me the Edina Code of Ethics and other pertinent documents I requested before the meeting tomorrow.

I would also appreciate, when it is available, the city attorney's decision on the issue of council member Sprague's potential conflict of interest vote on the variance of 5801 crescent Terrace. I have yet to hear back from member Sprague an official response to the questions I raised. Do you know when he might be sending an official response to my four questions.

Thank you,
Suzanne Knelman

Sent from my Suzanne

Jane Timm

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 3:54 PM
To: Scott Neal
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Pollution



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From: innaci@aol.com [<mailto:innaci@aol.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 3:45 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Pollution

Attn: Mayor, City Manager and Council Members

Re: Concentrated flight pattern over Edina neighborhoods

What a relief last Saturday, Sunday and even yesterday, March 4 ...
no constant airplane noise and air quality pollution over south west Edina -
62 Crosstown south to 494, Highway 100 west to Tracy.

Last week most days, starting after 6 am, it seemed there
were flights roaring every five to eight minutes apart each morning;
some flights after 11 pm in the evening. And one at 2:21 AM!
Was very disturbing...the almost constant roar.

Noisy inside with the windows closed; one can only imagine how much greater the noise and air pollution
in summer with windows open or being outside in garden, on deck or patio, along a walking or bike path.

What ways are there to measure detrimental/continual airplane noise levels and adverse
air pollution on people because of a concentrated flight pattern?

I would hope that common health sense and quality of life for people on the ground are taken into consideration.

Inna K. Hays
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Subject: Edina Swim Club FW: Celebrating the Success of the Weekend

TO: Mayor Hovland and the Edina City Council Members,

I thought you might enjoy reading a short recap (below) of the highly successful Minnesota Regional Championship meet hosted by Edina Swim Club at the Southview pool over the weekend.

730 swimmers ages 6 – 18 from multiple clubs across the metro area participated throughout the weekend. Edina Swim Club had 150 swimmers participate.

We had many positive comments not only from Edina Swim Club parents but also the competitor team parents and coaches about how well run the meet was. One mom purchasing a meet program told me “Edina – you guys always get it right”.

We are very proud of our coaches and athletes, and proud to represent the Edina community in such a positive way. Thank you for your continued support of the Edina Swim Club.

Best regards,

Cyd Perszyk
President, Edina Swim Club Board

From: notifications@edinaswim.com [<mailto:notifications@edinaswim.com>] **On Behalf Of** Denise Coach Carlson
Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2013 8:30 AM
To: Duane & Cyd Perszyk
Cc: Cyd Perszyk
Subject: Celebrating the Success of the Weekend

Edina Swim Club

Celebrating the Success of the Weekend

From Coach Jeff, Coach Denise and the Edina Swim Club Coaches:

Celebration of Success-

What an outstanding weekend of swimming for the Edina Swim Club. Our parents, swimmers and coaches hosted the first of the new format of Championship Meets-the Minnesota Regional Championship. It was a big success on all fronts, and the coaches are grateful for the all the volunteers who put on this event, and created an environment for swimmers to have a fun, competitive championship meet. Thank you to all.

Edina Swim Club came away with an overwhelming win over all! We had some really great teams included at our site, which provided for lots of furious racing and fast swimming. Not only did we win the meet, we achieved

over **90 new Champ times**, including the new "Win it/Swim" births into the State Meets. Perhaps the most important statistic is that **over 90%** of all the individual swimmers from our team were able to score points! Under this new format, it is true that everyone counts, and everyone is counted upon to contribute. It was truly a team effort by all athletes involved and will lead us into the next level of competition, the Senior State and Age Group State Meets with confidence, excitement and lots of team spirit!!! Way to go Gators!

Many of the Senior men also participated in the Minnesota State High School League Championships this past weekend as well. Gator men won or were on relays that won 7 of the events in the AA meet, and 1 of the events at the A meet. We want to recognize the many swimmers from various high schools that all come together during the rest of the year to represent the Edina Swim Club-

Boys AA-

Aaron Greenberg: All American-200 medley relay(1rst-All time Record), 50 Free(1rst), 100 Free(1rst)

Jack Lindell: All American-200 medley relay(2nd), 200 IM(1rst), 100 bk(2nd), 400 Free relay(1rst)

Erick Huft: All American-200 medley relay(2nd), 200 Free(3rd), 500 fr(2nd), 400 Free relay(1rst)

Brett Weicht: All American-200 medley relay(2nd), 100 fly(7th), 200 Free relay(2nd)

Pierce Schultz: All American-200 medley relay(2nd), 200 Free relay(2nd)

Noah Lucas: All American-200 Free(1rst-All time record), 500 Free(1rst-All time record), 200 Free relay(9th), 400 Free relay(3rd)

Nick Wilkerson: 100 Breast(3rd), 200 IM(15th)

Matthew Hedman: 200 IM(7th), 500 Free(6th)

Sasha Safanov: 200 Free relay(9th), 400 Free relay(3rd)

Ben Kaiser: 200 Free relay(9th), 400 Free relay(3rd)

Andrew Schlais: 200 Free relay(9th), 400 Free relay(3rd)

Miles Tracey: 200 Medley relay(16th)

Boys A-

Humphrey Pruett: 200 Medley Relay(1rst), 200 IM(5th), 100 Breast(3rd)

Zach Litwin: 200 Medley Relay(2nd), 200 IM(7th), 100 Breast(5th)

Mohab Eid: 200 Free(6th), 100 Free(11th), 400 Free relay(4th)

Alex Roe: 50 Free(14th)

Other Participants:

Gunnar Swanson, Nick Hedman, Sam Khodursky, Jacob Totall

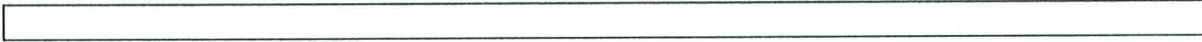
The Senior State Meet begins on Thursday 3/7 at the University of Minnesota. We are looking forward to more outstanding swims and great team spirit!! The Age Group State Meet begins next Thursday, 3/14 in Rochester.

Both meets are going to be very exciting and we can not wait to share the victories with the whole team!!

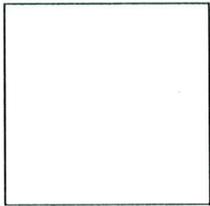
Go Gators!

Edina Coaches

Edina Swimming Club

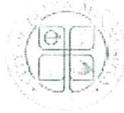


Edina Swimming Club



Jane Timm

From: Lynette Biunno
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 8:19 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Mayor Hovland and City Council Members



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From: LOIS RING [<mailto:llrdesigns@msn.com>]
Sent: Saturday, March 09, 2013 3:19 PM
To: Lynette Biunno
Cc: Michael Frey; Barbara La Valleur
Subject: For: Mayor Hovland and City Council Members

Re: Include Public Art in new Edina projects

I recently watched the Planning Commission meeting re the Byerly's Apartment project. It occurs to me since I am the retired Chair of Edina Public Art Committee that it is an opportune time to discuss with the developer of this project as well as the Southdale Apartment project to include funding for public art, namely a sculpture. The Byerly's project which borders the Promenade is most fitting.

Please give this consideration in how you can encourage involvement by these developers with the community to include public art. EPAC has the lists of sculptors to assist in the selection of an artist.

Thank you,

Lois Ring

Jane Timm

From: Lynette Biunno
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 9:02 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: My Concerns About Slavery



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From: Slavery Footprint [<mailto:no-reply@slaveryfootprint.org>]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2013 8:27 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: My Concerns About Slavery

Dear James Hovland,

I want to see an end to modern-day slavery, a crime that continues today and is present ever here in our city. I respectfully ask that you help make our city a leader in the fight to end slavery.

The first place to start is to ensure that our law enforcement are trained to identify victims of trafficking. Once victims of trafficking have been identified, we need a system in place that ensures the safety and rehabilitation of victims. Our law enforcement should be equipped to conduct proactive, victim-centered trafficking investigations and be prepared to help with the prosecution of trafficking crimes.

I respectfully ask that you allocate funding in your budget for training of law enforcement. At a minimum, I want our police department to have one officer trained as a point-person for cases of human trafficking and slavery.

Victims of human trafficking face a horrific life in which they are threatened, beaten, raped, starved, locked up, or psychologically manipulated - all for the financial profit of human traffickers.

I urge you to help us in this fight. To notify voters in our area about what your administration is doing to protect the victims of human trafficking in our city and to prosecute those who perpetrate this crime, please e-mail a copy of an open letter or statement on the issue to: mycity@slaveryfootprint.org.

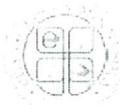
Sincerely,

Charity Woods
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Jane Timm

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 8:12 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: HF 1044/SF927: comprehensive funding bill for transit, bicycling, walking, & ADA compliance
Attachments: TransitFactSheetwCoalition.pdf



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From: Barb Thoman [<mailto:barbt@tlcminnesota.org>]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 5:11 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: FW: HF 1044/SF927: comprehensive funding bill for transit, bicycling, walking, & ADA compliance

Hello Mayor Hoveland,

I am in touch today to make sure you know about important legislation at the Capitol this session and the broad-based coalition that supports it. I would also like to ask for your support.

The Transit for a Stronger Economy Coalition, with more 45 organizations -- including unions, developers, people with disabilities, low-income and underserved communities, and active transportation, health, and environmental interests -- is advocating for passage this legislative session of a bill (HF 1044/SF 927) that would expand transit, including bus and rail, fund bicycle and walking projects, and speed up compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the metropolitan region. This bill also substantially expands funding for transit in Greater Minnesota.

The Transit for a Stronger Economy bill, authored by Senator Bobby Joe Champion and Representative Melissa Hortman, calls for an additional \$300 million per year in the metro and \$32 million in Greater Minnesota for transit. This bill is an historic opportunity to build out the transit system in 15 years not 30 or more. It will create more than 30,000 jobs and greatly expand access to jobs (including an additional 45,000 to 55,000 jobs accessible to the region's low-income neighborhoods). Working families, students, and seniors can't afford to wait. Our region and state can't afford to fall farther behind.

We need your support! Please join us at the House hearing, Wednesday, March 20, 6:00-7:30 pm in the State Office Building (Rm 10). Find out more about the campaign on our web site (www.transit4mn.org). Please "like" and "share" our Facebook page among your networks: [Facebook.com/Transit for a Stronger Economy](https://www.facebook.com/TransitforaStrongerEconomy). Our Twitter hashtag is #transit4mn.

The Governor's budget significantly advances funding for metro area transit (bus and rail). The Transit for a Stronger Economy bill is more comprehensive; it expands transit investment statewide and includes a critical local return that will allow metro counties and cities to prioritize investments to provide safer and more convenient options for bicycling, walking, ADA compliance and local transit, such as streetcars or circulators.

We look forward to working with you as we create a 21st century transportation system in Minnesota! Working families, seniors, students, long-time Minnesotans and new residents need this now!

Barb Thoman, Executive Director

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TRANSIT ECONOMY

What is the focus of this campaign?

To build out the metropolitan region's transit system in fifteen years, not forty and greatly expand transit in Greater Minnesota

This initiative will:

- Create jobs (30,000+ for construction)
- Give workers affordable options for getting to their jobs
- Reduce future costs for roads and auto expenses
- Complement the existing comprehensive highway system and ease traffic delays for all commuters

The build-out includes transitways (light rail and bus rapid transit), better bus service (rapid bus and expanded hours and frequency), and local needs (bicycling/walking, ADA compliance for people with disabilities, local transit improvements). Cost: \$300 million/year in the metro and \$32 million/year in Greater Minnesota.

What specifically would \$300m/yr buy in the metro, and \$32m/yr in Greater Minnesota?

BUS (\$125 million)—expand and upgrade service

- High-amenity "rapid bus" service on 12 high-frequency routes
- Higher frequency, faster bus service to more locations, with longer service hours
- Better shelters, lighting, and technology
- Keep fares affordable

LOCAL NEEDS (\$50 million)—funds to cities and counties

- Sidewalks, bicycle routes, and ADA compliance projects
- Local transit improvements

LRT/BRT/Rail (\$125 million)—build-out the regional system of transitways, including Bus Rapid Transit

- 3 more light rail transit (LRT) lines, including Southwest, Bottineau, and an east-metro LRT line
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) with dedicated lanes on 4 more highway corridors
- Related rail investments

GREATER MINNESOTA (\$32 million)

- 250 more bus routes across 64 operating systems to meet needs in existing systems and add service in counties and communities currently without transit service. Evening and weekend service in key areas

What happens if we do nothing?

- Progress on the build-out of a regional transit system stops.
- Minnesota would fall farther behind competing regions in attracting and keeping jobs.
- No expansion of bus service. We have a very efficient, highly-rated bus system, but currently only 1/4 of metro-area residents live close to convenient service (within 1/4 mile of service that operates at least every half-hour).
- Very limited funds for local needs for bicycling/walking, ADA compliance, and local transit investments

For more information, visit www.transit4mn.org

Transit for a Stronger Economy coalition:
Advocating Change Together (ACT)
African Career, Education & Resource, Inc.
AFL-CIO
AFSCME Council 5
Alliance for Metropolitan Stability
Alliance for Sustainability
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1005
American Heart Association
American Lung Association in Minnesota
Asian Economic Development Association
Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota
BlueGreen Alliance
CWA Minnesota State Council
Conservation Minnesota
The Cornerstone Group
Cycles for Change
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Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
Minnesota Environmental Partnership
Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG)
Minnesota Public Transit Association
Minnesota State Building & Construction Trades Council
Minnesota Young Professionals Environmental Group
Minnesotans for Healthy Kids Coalition
MN350
National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Upper Midwest
New American Academy
Nice Ride Minnesota
Project for Pride in Living
Saint Paul Bicycle Coalition
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Sheet Metal Workers Local #10
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TWIN CITIES REGIONAL TRANSIT PLAN

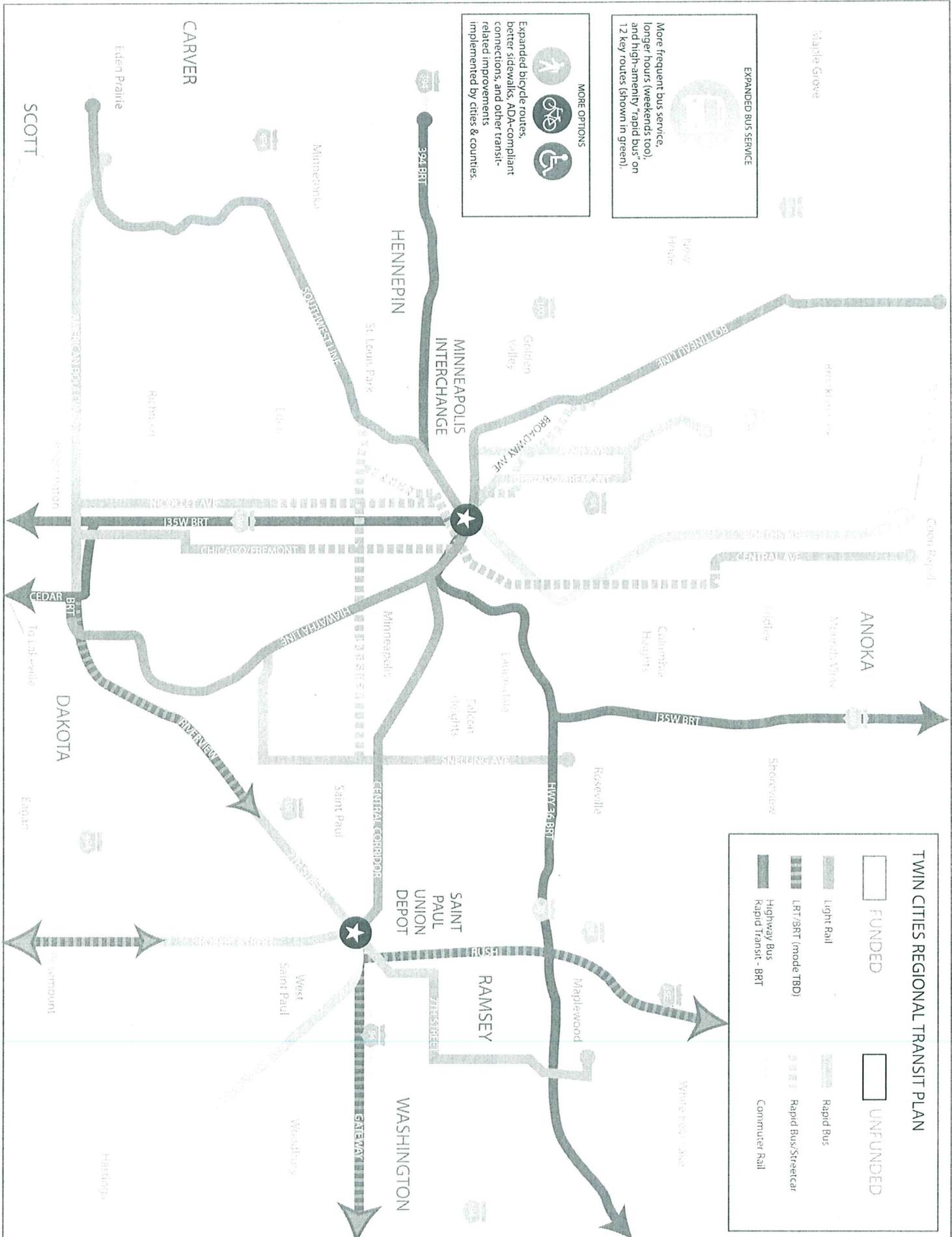
	FUNDED		UNFUNDED
	Light Rail		Rapid Bus
	LRT/STRT (mode TBD)		Rapid Bus/Streetcar
	Highway Bus		Commuter Rail
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EXPANDED BUS SERVICE

More frequent bus service, longer hours (weekends too), and high-amenity "rapid bus" on 12 key routes (shown in green).

MORE OPTIONS

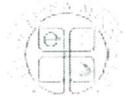
Expanded bicycle routes, better sidewalks, ADA-compliant connections, and other transit-related improvements implemented by cities & counties.



The lines depicted on this map are in various stages of planning and are subject to change.

Jane Timm

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 8:50 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Street Improvement Districts Bill Up on Wednesday [We need your help]



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From: Cederholm, Heather [<mailto:hcederholm@lmc.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 5:40 PM
Cc: Finn, Anne; Ziegler, Laura
Subject: Street Improvement Districts Bill Up on Wednesday [We need your help]

*You are being contacted because your representative serves on the House Transportation Policy Committee which will hear legislation Tomorrow, Wednesday, March 13 at 6 p.m. that would enable cities to establish street improvement districts. **We need your help in contacting your legislators before that hearing!***

Bottom Line

Cities support HF 745 (Erhardt, DFL-Edina) and SF 607 (Carlson, DFL-Eagan), legislation that would allow cities to create street improvement districts. This authority would allow cities to collect fees from property owners within a district to fund municipal street maintenance, construction, reconstruction, and facility upgrades. If enacted, this legislation would provide cities with an additional tool to build and maintain city streets.

Please share the following information with your legislators.

- This is enabling legislation. No city would be required to create a municipal street improvement district.
- The street improvement district authority legislation is modeled after Minn. Stat. 435.44, which allows cities to establish sidewalk improvement districts.
- This authority would provide a funding mechanism that is fair. It establishes a clear relationship between who pays fees and where projects occur, but stops short of the benefit test that sometimes makes special assessments vulnerable to legal challenges. It also does not prohibit cities from collecting fees from tax exempt properties within a district.
- This tool allows cities to perform maintenance and reconstruction on schedule. Timely maintenance is essential to preserving streets and thereby protecting taxpayer investments.
- This tool would allow property owners to fund expensive projects by paying relatively small fees over time. The tool could be used to mitigate or eliminate the need for special assessments.

For more information, access the related article from the Third Reading on the League's website. Download talking points online (pdf).

We need your help!

- **Contact your representative(s) on the House Transportation Policy Committee by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13 to share support with the points listed above.**
- If you are able, please contact your senator also; this piece of legislation is moving through both chambers quickly.

Thank you for your help in advocating for cities—your stories and contact with representatives really does matter!

If you get feedback from your legislator that you'd be willing to share, or if you have questions on this initiative, please contact Anne Finn (651) 281-1263 or afinn@lmc.org

3/13/13

Mayor Howland and
City Council Members,

Thank you for
the acknowledgement
and appreciation of
my work for Edina
Public Art.

I'm thrilled to have
the crystal piece with
the City logo etched
on the top.

We continue to support
the arts.

Sincerely
Luis Rios

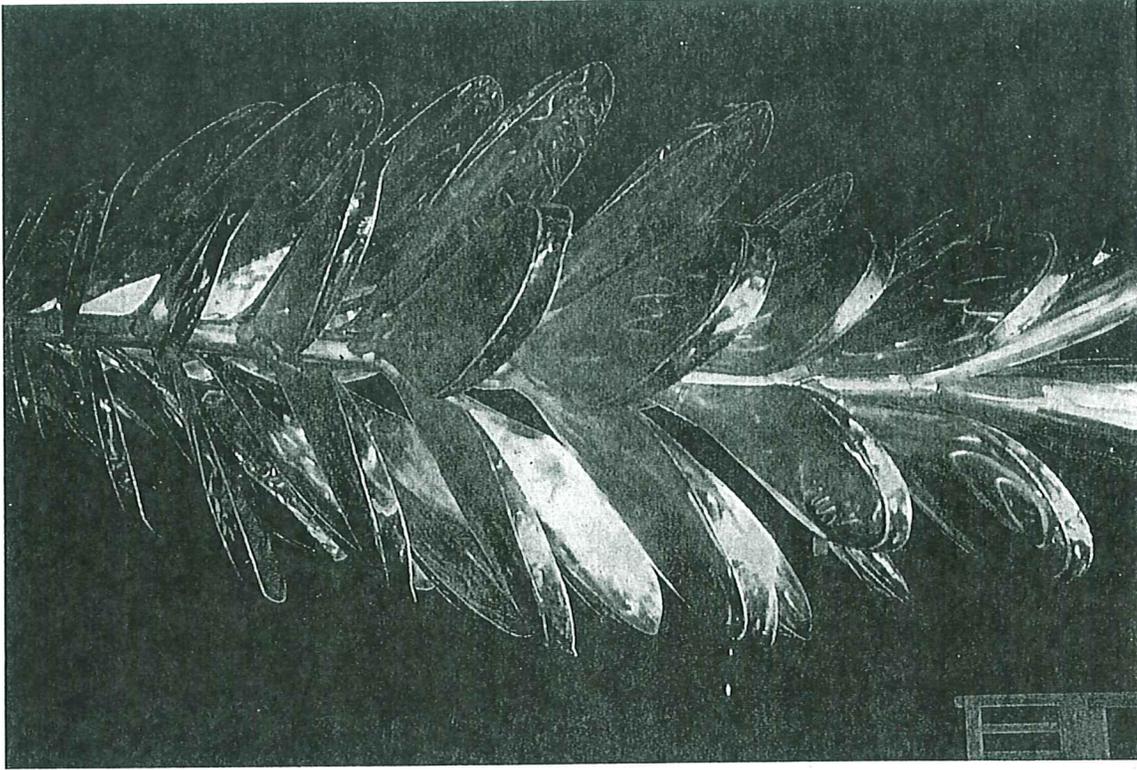


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Lois Ring
Centennial Lakes Park
Edina, MN

"Pinecone"

Marcia McLochlin

Jane Timm

From: Susan Howl
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2013 10:23 AM
To: Jane Timm
Cc: Ariel Klugman
Subject: FW: Lunds/Byerlys development plan on France

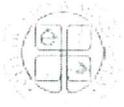


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From: Lynette Biunno **On Behalf Of** Edina Mail
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2013 9:21 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Lunds/Byerlys development plan on France



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From: Marie Sullivan [<mailto:mariesullivan87@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 10:28 PM
To: Cary Teague
Cc: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); Josh Sprague; ann swenson; Scott Neal
Subject: Lunds/Byerlys development plan on France

Dear Edina Official,

I have recently read an article about the proposed development on France Avenue at the current Byerly's store site. There are 3 very important issues I hope you will examine very carefully before allowing this development. First, have you thoroughly discussed this with school district officials? We know that housing intended for retired people cannot legally exclude families with school aged children and I know that Cornelia grade school, Southview Middle School, as well as the High School are beyond functional capacity as it is!!!! Before we add more housing we better think long and hard about how to fit more children into our schools without even more overcrowding. We don't want to mess with our schools reputation or that will significantly lower housing values.

The second issue is the water table. I remember not too long ago there was great concern that the aquifer supplying south Edina and parts of Bloomington was low and at risk. Adding more housing will contribute to this problem, and though it may not be seen as a current problem this particular year, a long term study must be considered.

Third, I remember hearing that new construction on the west side of France was not to exceed 4-6 stories so as not to infringe on the private, suburban homes in the neighborhood. The East side of France is not far enough

away from the neighborhood to allow any higher than that and I understand the Byerlys project is to allow 7 stories. I believe this will negatively impact the Cornelia neighborhood and we should require the height to be lower than proposed. I believe the proposed height will negatively impact housing values in my neighborhood and the current homeowners in this area need to be able to voice their opposition to it. Have they been notified of the plan so they can do so?

For all 3 of these issues, long term studies need to be carried out and seriously considered in order to secure future quality of living in our city.

Again, thank you for listening.

Sincerely,
Marie Sullivan