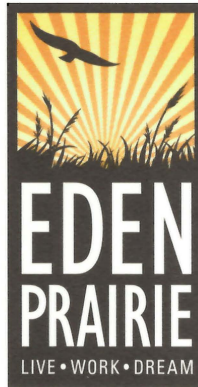


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Surface Transportation Board
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I am writing to urge the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to conduct an efficient and expeditious review of the letters and comments received relating to STB document #36178 from the Metropolitan Council and #36177 from Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority.

Our community has invested much time, energy, and resources over the past several years in anticipation of Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) project. Officially, our staff have been involved in planning activities for years, and we have voted twice to approve municipal consent. We have planned for the future with SWLRT in mind, from infrastructure and housing, to public works and mobility.

This project will have a huge positive impact on Eden Prairie's economic prosperity. Already, developers are investing in our community in anticipation of SWLRT. In fact, we recently held a groundbreaking for our first mixed-use, mixed-income transit-oriented development project. This project, called Elevate, brings over two hundred housing units along with new jobs to a transit site.

Given the importance of this project to Eden Prairie, as well as the region, we ask that you make a timely ruling. We have confidence the Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority are proceeding thoughtful and carefully with this project.

Sincerely,

Nancy Tyra-Lukens

CC: Cynthia Brown, Chief, Section of Administration at STB

I certify that I have this day served copies of the document upon the Parties of Record in this proceeding, by U.S. Mail or E-mail.

Signature / *Nancy Tyra Lukens* / Date 6/14/2018
(Nancy Tyra-Lukens)