



UNION PARK DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter  
Saint Paul City Council members  
City of Saint Paul, Minnesota  
Sent by e-mail

**Re: Union Park District Council support for Mayor's proposal for Ayd Mill Road**

Dear Mayor Carter and Council members Brendmoen, Busuri, Kassim, Jalali Nelson, Noecker, Prince, Thao, and Tolbert:

At its meeting on December 4, 2019, the Union Park District Council (UPDC) voted unanimously to support Mayor Carter's plan for Ayd Mill Road. The Mayor's plan was also supported unanimously by our Transportation Committee and by community members who completed a preference ballot at the Transportation Committee meeting on November 11, 2019.

Additionally, the UPDC voted to communicate preferences for the years following implementation of the Mayor plan for Ayd Mill Road – so post 2020. These preferences were also tallied through the preference ballot that was completed by Transportation Committee members and residents who attended the meeting on November 11. The post-2020 preferences were prioritized in this order:

1. Secure funding to study and turn the Ayd Mill corridor into a Linear Park.
2. Leave the road as the Mayor is proposing if implemented in 2020.
3. New transit in the corridor including commuter rail, or high speed rail, or busway with road or with Linear Park.
4. Secure funding to study and implement a connection north to Marshall and/or Concordia and or St. Anthony.
5. Other strategies including closing access at Hamline with sound wall and wait and see after Mayor's proposal is implemented.

As you know, our neighborhood has a long history with planning for Ayd Mill Road. That history is summarized on the timeline attached to this e-mail and compiled as part of our study process of the Mayor's proposal. Also attached are two additional documents that we prepared for the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Union Park believes that improving multi-modal options in our city are a high priority. There is also excitement about a future potential extension of the Midtown Greenway east and along the Ayd Mill Corridor and south to downtown Saint Paul and beyond.

We are happy to answer any questions about the attached documents, our process, and this letter.

Sincerely,

Brandon Long, Executive Director

Union Park District Council

CC: Kathy Lantry, Director of Public Works

