



UNION PARK DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Donna Drummond, Director of Planning, PED
Larry Zangs, Site Plan Review Coordinator, DSI
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25 West 4th Street
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Donna and Larry:

On November 20, the Union Park District Council Committee on Land Use and Economic Development discussed the Revised Site Plan, Amended Traffic Narrative, and Traffic Operations Summary submitted by Starbucks for its drive-through location at 234 North Snelling Avenue, along with input from City staff.

At that meeting, the Committee voted to endorse the same resolution passed last week by the Union Park Transportation Committee. The language of that recommendation is provided below in full.

The Committee recommends denial of the Revised Site Plan. The proposed measures in the interim and long-term plans do not address the concerns of the community.

The Committee believes that the proposed additional queuing spaces on the site will **not be adequate** to meet the observed demand and therefore will not eliminate obstructions of the right-of-way caused by queuing vehicles.

Through their collective observations and numerous experiences with the site, Committee members and attendees agreed that there are frequently over three or four vehicles queuing within the public right-of-way—blocking the sidewalk, bicycle lane, and traffic lanes on Marshall and Snelling Avenues. Moreover, Starbucks' limited observations do not account for drivers who choose to avoid waiting in the queue completely, because there is simply no space left in the right-of-way to wait.

The Committee further believes that the anticipated vehicle movements in the interim plan are not manageable, and it urges the City to collect observational data on the functioning of the interim plan before approving the long-term plan.

In short, the Committee concluded that neither the interim nor the long-term plan provides adequate queuing space to meet the demand without obstruction the right-of-way, in a location where a drive-through poses serious safety concerns.

Through this resolution, the Committee is urging the City of Saint Paul to deny this Revised Site Plan and withdraw its Conditional Use Permit for operation of the drive-through.

Sincerely,



Julie Reiter, Executive Director
Union Park District Council

cc: Council President Russ Stark
Councilmember Dai Thao
Josh Williams, Senior Planner, PED
Tia Anderson, Senior Planner, DSI