

February 5, 2018

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Minnesota Senate
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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Frank Hornstein, State Representative
Minnesota House of Representatives
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Dear Senator Dibble and Representative Hornstein,

Thank you for your letter dated January 23, 2018 emphasizing the need for safe and responsible actions for the construction and operations of the METRO Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) near Calhoun Isles structures. We appreciate your thoughts and recognition of the Metropolitan Council's (Council) efforts in working with the Calhoun Isles Condominium Association (CICA) and their consultant to understand these issues while working towards solutions.

First, we assure you that we take the safety of corridor residents, who will be our customers, very seriously. Our primary interest is in creating a safe and efficient transportation option for residents and businesses as we develop the Southwest LRT. The Council's goal has been, and continues to be, to work with CICA and their consultant to clearly articulate and define the issues to foster understanding and develop solutions for all parties involved.

We are happy to report that the project office's consultant is in communication with the CICA's consultant to better understand the scope of work being recommended and how additional testing may be used to produce meaningful results for both parties.

In consultation with the Project's noise and vibration consultant, the Project staff has drafted a testing plan to: 1) better understand the vibration characteristics of the buildings; 2) collect information on existing vibration levels inside the buildings; and 3) verify predicted vibration levels inside the buildings from LRT operations. The testing, known as a transfer mobility test, is recognized by the Federal Transit Administration as the standard for predicting potential impacts from train vibrations and ground-borne noise. Our goal is to have the testing conducted in late March/early April 2018 with analysis completed in late April.

Finally, to ensure transparency and continued communication, project staff will work with the CICA Board to hold a resident meeting to share the testing approach and methods, and to re-confirm the scope and process of documenting existing conditions, pre-construction testing program, construction monitoring, and the claims process. We also invite CICA Board members and their consultant to observe the testing and we are open to sharing the test data and presenting the final report to the CICA Board.

It is our sincerest hope that the actions outlined above will ease the concerns of CICA residents and support our mutual goals of creating a safe and efficient SW LRT corridor for southwest Minneapolis neighborhoods and our region.

Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Alene Tchourumoff
Chair



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Metropolitan Council Member