Date: May 3, 2021

Subject: Rush Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Environmental Assessment

Dear Resident or Owner,

The purpose of this letter is to share information about the Environmental Assessment public comment period for the proposed Rush Line BRT Project. The Rush Line BRT Project is a 15-mile route that will connect Saint Paul, Maplewood, White Bear Township, Vadnais Heights, Gem Lake and White Bear Lake. Your property is adjacent to the proposed route for the project.

In 2018 Ramsey County began work on an Environmental Assessment (EA) in coordination with the Federal Transit Administration. The EA evaluates potential environmental, social, economic and transportation benefits and impacts resulting from construction and operation of the Rush Line BRT Project. The EA also identifies solutions to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts, and informs federal and state agencies of these impacts. The goal of completing the EA is to advance a route that is environmentally preferred, cost effective and operationally efficient.

We would like to notify you of upcoming engagement opportunities through which you can review, ask questions about, and comment on the EA. Project staff will be available at two online open houses and one in-person open house to address detailed questions at the following times:

**Virtual Open House 1**

Wednesday, June 2

12:00-1:30 p.m.

**Virtual Open House 2**

Thursday, June 3

5:30-7:00 p.m.

**In-Person Open House**

Thursday, June 17

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Union Depot North Plaza

214 4th Street East

Saint Paul, MN 55101

You can register for the virtual open houses and learn about COVID-19 safety measures for the in-person open house at [rushline.org](https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/transit-corridors-studies/rush-line-brt-project). If you are unable to attend one of these events, you can view the EA and comment online through the project website from May 11 through June 25, 2021. Comments can also be submitted via email to [info@rushline.org](mailto:info@rushline.org) during the public comment period. All substantive comments will be responded to by Ramsey County and the Federal Transit Administration as part of the final environmental decision document.

Regards,

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