

September 23, 2024

Maplewood City Council
1830 Country Road B E
Maplewood, MN 55109

RE: Resolution to rescind support of the Purple Line project

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this as a concerned citizen that owns properties in Maplewood, operates businesses in Maplewood, worship in Maplewood, invest in Maplewood and patronizes many local businesses in Maplewood.

I believe that multiple forms of public transportation are needed for a Community to grow and meet the needs of its residents. The availability of public transportation offers mobility, lessens dependency on automobiles, reduces traffic congestion, increases safety and countless environmental benefits. The Purple Line would offer access to downtown St. Paul, which opens access to a regional network that allows for the residents to reach other areas in the Twin Cities. To the North, the Purple Line offers access to multiple other suburbs, which offer employment opportunities and recreational opportunities for workers and families.

Aside from the ability to access other municipalities for Maplewood residents, it also offers a means for other residents to have access to all that Maplewood has to offer. This brings in new customers for Maplewood businesses, allows Maplewood to be considered as a place for residency and brings diversity to Maplewood.

The true value of access to public transportation cannot be measured in dollars. The benefits outweigh any monetary costs and will have a positive impact on the Community.

I strongly urge the City Council Members to not support this Resolution, but yet to work harder and be more creative at finding ways to bring the Purple Line to Maplewood as well as more public transportation options.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my support for keeping the Purple Line.

Sincerely,



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Concerned Citizen & Stakeholder of Maplewood

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