

January 22, 2015

Mayor Christopher B. Coleman  
390 City Hall  
15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mayor Coleman,

With some concern, we read the recent article in the Highland Villager titled '*Plan for finally connecting Ayd Mill Road to I-94 is in the offing*'. It contained this quote from interim Public Works Director Nancy Homans; "I think the issue is not whether there will be a connection, but how the connection will be configured and how many traffic lanes it will have".

In response to a subsequent email seeking clarification as to whether a certain decision had been made, Director Homans said she was trying to communicate that it was her sense that there was support for a connection (though not unanimous) but "No decisions have been made on anything". It seems the Villager made an assumption that Ms. Homans had not intended to convey.

Be that as it may, we wish to reiterate our expectation that a Supplemental EIS will be the process under which all decisions will be made on Ayd Mill Road. The S-EIS is necessary not just to study the Preferred Alternative (Two-Lane Extended to St. Anthony), but also to address the formal challenges to the Final EIS, and to examine the changed transportation and development landscape.

We are encouraged by your announced plans to visit Europe to gather ideas for the redevelopment of the Ford site. The examples cited in the Pioneer Press meet with our approval; high density, mixed use development supported by transit. We would like to see the same principles applied to the Ayd Mill Corridor and the redevelopment opportunities at its north end.

If your schedule permits, it would be our pleasure to meet with you to discuss the scope of the S-EIS and potential mitigation measures for the harm caused to our neighborhood by the premature opening of the south connection. Such mitigation is necessary for both safety, and for the allowance of citizen's reconsideration of Ayd Mill Road options free from duress.

Sincerely,

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cc. The St. Paul City Council  
Public Works Director Nancy Homans