

Petition to move proposed B-Line route to Marshall between Snelling and Lexington

Recipients	Metropolitan Council, St. Paul Mayor Carter, St. Paul City Council Members and St. Paul Transportation Committee
Action petitioned for	<p>We, the undersigned, concerned citizens and business owners of the Lex/Ham and Snelling/Hamline neighborhoods ask that the proposed new B-Line route utilizing the existing stations at Dayton and Snelling be reconsidered. Instead, we urge our officials to reroute this line using Marshall to Lexington, before connecting with Selby, as shown in the original potential routing plan (Option # 3).</p> <p>We feel the proposed route does not consider the negative impact it will have on the businesses of Snelling and Selby and the residents between Snelling and Lexington on Selby. The addition of 12 busses per hour will bring a total of 28 busses per hour through the intersection of Snelling and Selby and only leave ½ block for the B-Line to cross over 2 lanes of traffic in either direction to connect with Marshall or Selby. On Lexington they would have over a block.</p> <p>Issues of concern include, but are not limited to, traffic choking, pedestrian and traffic safety, noise and light pollution, property devaluation, loss of business and safe access to four feeder roads and all driveways on Selby.</p> <p>Additionally, there are no alleyways between Snelling and Lexington on Selby leaving all garbage, recycling, and yard waste to be picked up at curbside and all public works vehicles using the corridor for maintenance and repairs. Of note are the properties at 1326 and 1333 Selby which are left with nowhere to put their garbage, recycling and yard waste containers that will conform with the City of St. Paul’s guidelines.</p> <p>We feel that based on the attached comparison sheet there are sufficient reasons to move the proposed route. The “rapid” in rapid transit will be much more effective using the predominantly commercial corridor on Marshall between Snelling and Lexington.</p> <p>We do support rapid transit and the new connector route 60 which will service the Midway, Selby, and downtown connection. We feel this can be accomplished in a manner that is safer, more efficient, and more neighborhood friendly.</p>