

# Southwest Transitway DEIS Comments

Comments Received from the General Public

Part 5 of 5

December 29, 2012

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Dear Project Manager,

Introduction

This is a comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") for the Southwest Transitway (LRT) project ("LRT Project"). As residential property owners of 2553 Washburn Ave. S., in the Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood, we are personally and directly impacted by the LRT Project as our property is located between the proposed 21<sup>st</sup> Street and West Lake Street Stations immediately adjacent to Kenilworth Trail and the Kenilworth Corridor Bridge.

While there are many issues of importance related to the LRT Project, this comment letter will focus on specific themes related to the proposed 21<sup>st</sup> Street and West Lake Street stations and the area between these stations, as follows:

1. Re-Location of Freight Trains: We support the re-location of freight trains to accommodate light rail, and do not support the co-location alternative:
2. Environmental Effects: The DEIS is flawed in its analysis of noise and vibration implications and does not address light and electromagnetic concerns with regard to the location of the 21<sup>st</sup> Street and West Lake Street Stations and the area between these stations:
3. Social Effects: The DEIS is flawed in its conclusion that the operation of LRT along Segment A is not anticipated to adversely affect community cohesion.

Discussion:

1. Re-Location of Freight Trains:

The DEIS concluded (in the final paragraph of Chapter 11, pg. 11-11, 11.2.5) that the co-location of light rail and freight trains do not meet the project's purpose and need and is not a practicable alternative. As a result, co-location is not recommended as the environmentally preferred alternative. As impacted residential property owners, we agree completely with the conclusion that co-location is not a viable option.



A decision, however, to co-locate the freight and light rail would have material and detrimental effects on our property as it is not clear whether our property would need to be acquired to complete the project.

2. Environmental Effects (Noise, Vibration, Visual, and Electromagnetic Interference): As impacted residential property owners, we are significantly concerned about the environmental impacts of the LRT project due to the high number of trains that will travel by our property daily. The increase from a few freight trains per day to hundreds of LRT trains per day will drastically and severely impact our and our neighbors exposure to noise and vibration.

As to noise, our property is located in an area that is considered to have a "severe impact", and as a result, significant mitigation will be required. However, the impact of noise level and noise incident frequency has not been properly assessed in the DEIS. As a result, further study needs to be done.

Moreover, the DEIS incorrectly classifies Segment A property as Category 3 land use. However, in FTS's land use categories for Transit Noise Impact Criteria, Category 3 is most commonly associated with institutional land uses. In contrast, Category 1 is for tracts of land where quiet is an essential element on the intended purpose. The property in our neighborhood is aligned with Category 1 use – it is quiet, serene, and park-like. As a result, noise impacts should be re-evaluated under the standards set for Category 1 land uses.

As to vibration, while the DEIS (page 4-118, 4.8.6. Mitigation) provides that detailed vibration analysis will be conducted during the Final EIS, we urge that the range of frequencies and vibration incident frequency be taken into consideration.

The DEIS does not examine or discuss the impacts of LRT train light, corridor light, or the impact on presently dark areas of neighborhoods like ours. More analysis is necessary to determine the impacts and mitigation required.

In addition, the DEIS does not discuss potential health hazards related to electromagnetic interference for those people that live in close proximity (40 feet or less) to exposed overhead wires. Such information should be provided to the public and such hazards must be mitigated/avoided.

3. Social Effects Related to Segment A: The DEIS is flawed in its conclusion of the social effects related to Segment A. On page 3-58, the DEIS states that the implementation of LRT along the proposed Segment A "is not anticipated to adversely affect community cohesion because Segment A is currently bisected by a freight rail line and adding LRT service does not alter the existing barrier." This is unsubstantiated and incorrect, as currently, freight trains pass through infrequently, between 4-8 times per day, and the tracks are easily crossed. For

example, there is an informal pathway immediately adjacent to our property that passes over the freight tracks and connects Washburn Ave. to Kenilworth trail, Kenwood Isles neighborhood and the Kenilworth Channel Bridge. High-speed high-frequency trains would absolutely eliminate the informal pathways, and would therefore create a barrier between CIDNA, the Kenilworth Trail and the Kenwood Isles neighborhood.

Conclusion:

As property owners that are directly impacted by the LRT Project, we respectfully request that you consider the above concerns related to the DEIS. We also urge you to consider all factors to assist in mitigation of short-term construction effects and long-term impacts related to noise, vibration, and visual effects of the LRT project between 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Lake Street. One possible solution could be a tunnel for the LRT to pass between the 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Lake Street Stations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Berns at (612) 208-0378 or [debra\\_j\\_bern@yaho.com](mailto:debra_j_bern@yaho.com)

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature, on the left, is 'Debra Berns' and the second, on the right, is 'Amy Lederer'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Debra Berns  
Amy Lederer

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Sent by: Adele C  
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To  
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Subject Fw: Southwest LRT

01/16/2013 03:27 PM

**From:** Joanne STRATE  
**Sent:** Monday, December 31, 2012 6:15 PM  
**To:** Wheeler, William (FTA)  
**Subject:** Southwest LRT  
**Importance:** High

TO: FTA  
DATE: 12/31/12  
RE: Southwest LRT, Region 5, Eden Prairie/Hopkins/Minnetonka/St. Louis Park/Mpls (2015 start)

A couple of my neighbors want me to send you a response as it relates to the progression of the 3A line and the PROPOSED Smetana Crossing on the border of Hopkins & east Minnetonka....we are 3 of the 114 units which will be effected with severe noise & vibration as cited by the DEIS study. I have already responded various times regarding this & other issues...see below. I feel it's all in vain and it's politics as usual. I plan to investigate the legal Minnetonka noise levels as well. With that information, I'll probably contact WCCO-TV's reality check so the Met Council & company can't hide the true facts of the matter. Just so happens I work at a TV station and have contacts in the industry. If this waste of tax payer dollars continue and the line remains as the recommended 3A, then we need a QUIET ZONE. Per page 4-88 of the study, Pompano Drive residents are Segment 3, category 2 and it's noted there are 114 severe impacted units. **The Quiet Zone for the Smetana Crossing should be no train whistles and no post-mounted horns on the gates. To protect the citizens, we need only 4 quadrant gates with a median barrier.** A train passing every 7:30 will be impossible to live with and no one can sit outside or open their windows, or sleep during 5a-1a. Would you want to live here????? OUR PROPERTY VALUE WILL SUBSEQUENTLY DECREASE, NOT INCREASE AS SOME HAVE BLATANTLY LIED TO US. Don't know if we could even get a buyer for our units!!!

Joanne Strate,  
Marion & David Wolf,  
Austin Miller & Kylie Otte,

FYI...LRT is not the answer to transportation problems!

Starving the rest of our transportation system in favor of a more expensive, less efficient and totally inflexible light-rail system is the epitome of politics trumping common sense! **Using the Met Council's 2010 report**, the cost of a single ride on the Hiawatha line is \$2.46. Riders pay only \$.99 of this cost, leaving almost 60% subsidized by the public. But this isn't the true cost. Add in the 30 year amortized costs of bonding and a single ride actually cost \$6.42 which is an 85% subsidy! This equates to the public spending \$15M PER YEAR. The Northstar line costs \$13M, Central estimated @ \$17M and SW is \$12M. Improve bus service and rebuild critical highway infrastructure. The LRT mode of transportation has a negligible effect on traffic congestion! When you look at the costs, building more light rail lines like the SW LRT is nothing short of a money pit that will bankrupt our state. It's time to cut our losses and stop this madness!

Further issues...

TO: Southwest Light Rail Project Staff  
ATTN: Deb Sisneros  
DATE: 11/16/11

I understand the SW LRT is in the early design and engineering stages now. I'm a resident of Beachside Two-Il town home development in Minnetonka which has 5 Associations. It's established & very large. I have been battling the Metropolitan Council, to no avail, to change the route from 3A to 1A as detailed in the following four very good reasons. It doesn't have to be politics /lobbyists as usual to jam this decision down our throats to satisfy the "Opus World" of wishful thinking occupancy 25 years from now. They can have an adjacent station 4 blocks off Smetana. **Perhaps my concerns & LOGIC will reach a receptive ear and common sense will rule the day!**

ISSUE #1 - Route 1A would run on existing rail lines and would be far cheaper to the general public than 3A. Exact savings I'm sure have been calculated but not shared via the Met Council. Isn't the Federal government trying to cut costs these days due to our ridiculous economy? Does the added cost really justify the 3A route?

ISSUE #2 - The 3A route goes through Opus and crosses Smetana Rd on the way to downtown Hopkins. **I live ONE block from this crossing!** This is adjacent to residential zones, not empty lots or commercial property. People sleep here! Note: The average town home price is \$200K+ and we're not an eye-sore community! Trains running every 10:00 from 5a-1a with their vibration and warning bells is a definite "pollution" problem. Per the Met Council, it would be similar decibels to a blender ...I'm sure if you're deaf! And it's supposed to increase home value. Where's the logic in that? I don't live next to a station and would only hear, see, and feel the effects of the continuous trains which would lower my value for such an intrusion ONE block away! I'm 100% sure you wouldn't want to live here. Bad choice with zero disregard to surrounding upscale town homes and the rental apartments on the north side of Smetana! ISSUE #3 - Safety and congestion concerns are an issue. Smetana is a road with a long, steep grade. During the winter months if it's snowing or icy, it's difficult to navigate. Stopping abruptly at a crossing could be very dangerous. And lots of cars & semi's use this road. I'm assuming some one did a traffic flow assessment to merit my observations. Therefore, I predict car accidents waiting to happen and possibly horrible fatalities which could be prevented. Who wants a death on their shoulders/conscience? Logic doesn't prevail here. Note: There have been accident/deaths on the existing Hiawatha Line already without any of these concerns in play. The congestion would be another headache. Not so with route 1A!

ISSUE #4 - As it relates to human life, St. Therese is an upscale senior high-rise east of the crossing. In the last two days alone, 4 ambulances have sped down Smetana in route to address medical issues. Now imagine waiting for the crossing arm & traffic to clear/subside when every minute counts! This could be your parent's life in jeopardy! Get St. Therese's input. **AGAIN...BAD CHOICE OF CROSSING/ROUTE!**

Put some thought into doing the right thing for all concerned. Share with other decision-makers too. Thank you for your time, understanding & anticipated cooperation. I look forward to a change in the route! (Obviously Gail Dorfman, Mark Fuhrman & company haven't seen the light! Save gas & help traffic is their response!)

***Also, by 2030 when this line is supposed to be at it's peak for Opus, which currently has alot of vacancy, people will be working out of their homes. Not even commuting to work. Dah? The undesirables will be using the line for crime instead and the public will pay dearly for their opportunity to ride the rails. Even the Northstar line ridership is having problems already! What about the trees & wildlife effected? What about the St. Louis Park freight lines issues? I guess I could go on & on. Is anyone listening and thinking rationally? Or...politics as usual?***

Feel free to give me some real comments and not a canned response.



**IF NOTHING ELSE...A QUIET ZONE @ THE SMETANA CROSSING. I  
DON'T WANT TO MOVE!**

Thank you for your anticipated understanding, compassion, and action,  
Joanne

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*Here in Eden prairie, we would like  
to see more jobs, housing, and economic  
development*

Name: *Warsame Elm.*

Thank you!

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The biggest concern we have is not having  
Jobs, not enough houses for low income families  
and many more staff.

Name: haweya osman

Thank you!

By this the user certifies that the information provided is true and correct, and that the user is not providing false information.

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Major ~~Sat~~ ~~STAFF~~ That this low income  
wants To Have is More Public assistance  
So we can have Better way of life.

Name: UBAH ABDI

Thank you!

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Immigrant Communities Needs To have  
an opportunity To create business.

They also would like To have a Low-income  
housing in the Southwest

Name: Harrison Malenfant

**Thank you!**



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Housing is our number one need here  
in the South West.

Name: Rago Aliybu

Thank you!

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We would like to see ~~an~~ more apartment  
build in our city because we have a big  
housing issues.

Name:

Raynab M. ali

Thank you!

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This project needs to address our  
community's problems such as lack of  
affordable housing, jobs and  
economic development.

Name:

Hassan Hashi

Thank you!



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We need a lot of things from this  
project including housing, jobs and  
economic development

Name:

Hussein Ibrahim.

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1. More jobs for the young youth Somalis.  
2. The city of eden prairie needs more low income houses.  
3. more activites for the youth. I want my ~~children~~ kids to work on the Southwest transitway project.

Name:

Eddema hillsdale

Thank you!



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We need jobs, we need affordable housing

we need better paying jobs

Name:

Maryam Ali

Thank you!

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I am a high school student, and a senior  
This year. I would like to see the SWL&T  
Working sooner because it's a cheaper way  
for me to travel to my university,  
it is a ~~save~~ saver and keep ~~a~~ a lot  
of money to my family's pocket.

Name: Naimo Hoosh

Thank you!

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We need Housing. it is our problem  
here in Eden prairie.

Name:

Ashra Mohamed

Thank you!



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Our Immigrant Community needs to have  
an affordable housing. This is a big  
challenge to us.

Name: Habiba Matan

**Thank you!**

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We need help on housing problems  
because ~~we~~ we don't have enough  
Low income housing here in Eduprario

Name:

Maryam Ali

Thank you!



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We need affordable housing here in

Eden prairie

Name:

Ayda Syad

Thank you!

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We would like to have affordable  
housing and economic development.

Here in Glen Prairie

Name:

MARIAM HAJI

Thank you!

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We need housing opportunity

We need jobs that we could be able to  
support our families.

Name: Halima Haane

Thank you!

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I am a mother of 5 children, and

would like to have a job that I could

support my family.

The second important thing is to have

affordable housing

Name: Fathi YUSUF

Thank you!



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I need to have an access to affordable  
housing here in my City

Name:

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I am a single parent, I need an  
affordable transportation that would allow  
me to go to Minneapolis and Saint Paul  
without asking people to give me a ride

Name:

Hawa ahmed

Thank you!

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① More low income houses in Eden Prairie ② Our kids to ~~go~~ be on  
the Southwest Transitway project ③ Want Somalia business in Eden  
Prairie so we don't have to go all the way to Minneapolis ④ ~~more~~ Jobs  
for Somalia youth in Eden Prairie

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: Eden Prairie MN

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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I want more jobs for ~~Somali~~ Somali youth (1) more Somali business in Eden Prairie  
(3) more low income houses in Eden Prairie (4) want Somali youth to work on  
the Southwest Transitway Project.

Name:

Hassan Ali

Thank you!



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① Jobs for Somalia youth in Eden Prairie. ② Want Somalia business in Eden Prairie. ③ More low income houses in Eden Prairie. ④ Want Somalia youth to get the opportunities for the Southwest Transitway Project.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: Eden Prairie, MN

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you!**

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- Create jobs for all the Eden prairie  
and residents specially the under-previlaged  
individuals specially the immigrants

Name:

Nur Elmi

Thank you!

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1. Jobs for the youth. 2. more low income  
~~houses~~ houses in eden prairie. more opportunities for  
the somali community. 2. More homes accept Sec 8.

homes

Name: Abdiwahi mahamed

Thank you!



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I am Hussein Ibrahim, and would like  
to see more jobs, housing opportunity for  
the low-income community.

Name:

Hussein Ibrahim

**Thank you!**



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If - More affordable housing, jobs, and business development  
for immigrants & low-income community in the ~~South~~ Southwest  
Area of the twin cities.

Name: Ibrahim Mohamed

Thank you!

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I would like affordable housing, economic development, and accessible public transportation in the southwest area.

Name: Shamir-din Hasni

Thank you!

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I would like to see more low-income housing  
economic development, and ~~and~~ more economic  
public transportation.

Name:

Kayse F. Adam

Thank you!

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I would like affordable housing development and jobs in this area.

Immigrants don't have enough housing availability here. De

Name:

Dea Farah

Thank you!



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We don't have Affordable housing  
and economic development in  
Eden prairie.

Our community don't have an  
opportunity to have Low-income housing.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ramona Aweas

Thank you!

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I need economic help and  
Housing To be part of The  
Southwest LRT project.

Name: Sayrab Sicaud

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

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I would love to have affordable housing  
in eden Prairie and Public transportation is  
a Must..

Name: Liban A. Mohammed

Thank you!



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Affordable housing is our number one  
need here in the Eden prairie and  
other Southwest areas of the Twin cities

Name:

Abukar Babire

Thank you!



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- ① I would like to see more housing availability for low income community.
- ② I would like to see economic development in this area of the Twin cities.

Name:

Ahmed Elmi

Thank you!

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I would like to see more affordable housing,  
economic development and accessible  
public transportation.

Name: MOHAMED ISMAIL

Thank you!

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We need more jobs and  
Business development here in  
eden prairie and southwest.

Name: Faisal Hersi

**Thank you!**



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- ① We need to have housing opportunity in eden prairie
- ② We need to have economic development
- ③ We need an opportunity for jobs and livable wages for our community  
Thus, SWLRT projects needs to understand these three things

Name: Abraham Quirsi

**Thank you!**



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Our Community needs

1- Housing → affordable / low income housing

2- Jobs

3- ~~area~~ business development

Name:

Hudale Khalis

Thank you!

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I am a single mother with no car to drive, and my son goes to the university of MN, so I would like him to have a public transportation.

I would like to own a ~~house~~ business, and would like to have a better living wages.

Name:

Gamer Jiron

Thank you!

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I want more jobs for Somali's youth  
More transportation for our kids  
After school programs  
More education for ESL kids.

Name:

Sichura Abdi Hussein

Thank you!

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- \* ~~I~~ I support the expansion of the Southwest Transitway project.
- \* We are requesting more business for minority communities.
- \* We need the development of more affordable housing.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

muhsein omer

**Thank you!**



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\* Transportation

\* Jobs

\* Financial Aid → Education

→ Investment

→ Micro-finance

\* Cultural Development:

→ African cultural Awareness

→ Different Community Cultural Accumulating Performance -

Name:

MUSTAFA MUSTAMED

Thank you!

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~~house~~ ~~Transit~~ ~~Jobs~~

I Support SWLPT Project for only  
Three Things

1- Housing opportunities.

2- Access To Public Transportation

3- economic development for  
Under-represented People.

Name: Abd. Fatah Salah

Thank you!

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Housing → give Immigrant a better  
affordable housing opportunity.

economic development along the SWRT line

Transportation That would benefit for all

people.

Name:

Fayhiga Ahmed

**Thank you!**



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Housing, Transportation; economic  
development would be essential success  
if SWLRT ~~to~~ protect wants to be  
a successful historic project

Name:

Amina Ali

Thank you!



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Housing → More housing opportunities  
Transportation: - access to public  
Jobs opportunities for many under employed  
Immigrant youth

Name:

Hassan Ali

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Three Things That We Support The SWLR project

Housing

Jobs

economic development

Name:

Fadumo Duale

Thank you!



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Somali

awigs oo ah waati'd kamido waqidi dūn fs  
doon eden prairie waxaan aad ujeclan  
lahayn in aan helo guryo ah low incom  
yo kuwo shokaaldado gaar waxa kale  
oo aad jeclaan in aan ka gayb gaado  
no tureen ka oo ah wax aad noogu  
ah waxa ter wayn aad aad aad uga  
faahfahayn lahayn.

English

I am one of the immigrant parents live in Eden Prairie.  
I would like to see more low-income housing in eden prairie  
because currently, we don't have that opportunity or  
it is very limited.

I do support the project 100% and the SWLRT  
project

Name: Sahra Cabdi Xasan

Thank you!

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Somali language

Amiga waa ah hooyo kuwool kaqaydo  
eden prairie waaan aad ujeclaan  
lahaa inaan helno guryo ku filan  
famiileedna oo garto shahaado  
ama low income ah.

waaan aad ujeclaan ishee  
waan ka qayb qaydo no tureen ka  
kaas oo nooleh wax tar aad u badan  
communitigeen soo meelido ee kuwool  
eden prairie

enlist:

I do support the light rail project to impact  
on housing, jobs and businesses for the  
Somali and other immigrant community.

Name:

Ibrahim Mohamed. Sahrg

Thank you!



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I am a father of 5 children and live in

Eden prairie, The problems that I have is the lack of affordable/low income housing.

I would like the SWLRT project to put their number 1 goal to build 4-bedrooms apartments for the low income people in the southwest area.

Name: Omar Muhumed

**Thank you!**

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Our community needs more jobs  
more affordable housing and more public  
transformation available.

Name:

Ahmed Warsame

Thank you!

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our ~~concern~~ problems are No low income  
houses, NO enough jobs and many  
problems.

Name:

Ayan Ali'

Address:

City/State/Zip

Telephone:

Thank you!



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I'm mom who concerning her kids' future we need our kids to be successful in school. We need to have a proper housing, jobs and support from the city and the other community.

Name:

Fosia Ashour

Thank you!



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Major Concern For our Community are  
~~less~~ Lack of low income houses, No many jobs  
and help from The government and State

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

MESEFIN MULUGETA

Thank you!

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We need more help for our Somali Community  
\* more ~~ap~~ Puppie house, tutural for our kids  
puppie housing. And Jobs

Name: Abdullahi Sheikh Ibrahim

Thank you!

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The concern of these community is that we need more opportunity of jobs, Public Transportation, Education. And more help for our children.

Name: Sahro Adun

Thank you!



In addition to the public hearing and need for a public hearing (2) a statement of the project's impact on the community and (3) an impact statement and action plan.

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We need ~~an~~ better SOGS, more high paying SOGS and more public housing projects for the under-developed communities in Eden prairie.

Name: Ibrahim Ali

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!



Part (3) shall identify the entity, so and state for which purpose (3) the information was received (3) the source of the information and (4) the agencies and persons involved.

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I would like to see more high paying jobs created in the Southwest Metro Area. I would also like transportation advancement specially public transportation becoming more accessible among all the eden prairie residents. I would also like to see more public housing apartments built for the deserving residents of EP.

Name:

Sulbano, Mohamed

Address:

City/State, Zip:

Telephone:

Email:

Thank you!

Public Hearing Notice for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed project.

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We need more jobs for the Southwest  
Metro residents. More transportation public

Name: Fadumo Kaniye,

Address: C

City/State/Zip:

Telephone:  Email:

Thank you!

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we need more good paying jobs,  
many of our younger people are simply  
jobless or don't have a good job because  
their current one pays less.

Name:

Ahmed ARDALLA

Address:

City/State/Zip

Telephone:

email:

Thank you!

The Agency will accept the public's comments on the proposed action and will respond to the comments. The comments will be used to (a) to determine and address the public's concerns.

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We, the Southwest Metro residents, would like to see  
Many Changes occur in our society including: the  
Creation of more jobs and more public housing

Name: Arfon Hassan

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!



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~~Waxaan and ujeelaaq lahayn in  
eden prairie laga dhiso guryo badan  
oo gaadhi jarmiga oo gaadhi waxgaadhi  
shegaadhi. Gaadhi 8 ka ama waxa 100  
yagaadhi low income ka mar waxaan jeeda  
lahayn in aan ad ugaayb gaadhi  
tareen ka howshuqa.~~

We would like more houses  
more Public Transportation  
and more jobs.

Name:

Hodan Abdi Ali

Address:

City/State/Zip

Telephone:

Thank you!

The CEIS is designed to: (1) the purpose and need for the project; (2) the alternatives considered; (3) the impacts of the project; and (4) the agencies and persons consulted.

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Our Concern For our Community is very big  
we need to have avoidable houses, good  
Jobs and better Transportation

Name: Habiba Hamza

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

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We need housing, economic Development

Name: Fatuma Hussain

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!



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This Community is very in need of many things, we want jobs, so we can make our livings, and we need shops.

Telephon

Thank you!

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Community is need for public transportation and Public housing and many others.

Name: Fowsiya Warsame

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Z \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

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My mine issue and the community is Secure Jobs  
Good Houses and Transportation.

Name: Ali Hussein

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to see affordable housing economy  
development for immigrant community

Name:

Ali Shiekh

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!



"Jacobson, Nani"

01/07/2013 09:40 AM

To "swcorridor@co.hennepin.mn.us"  
<swcorridor@co.hennepin.mn.us>

cc

bcc

Subject FW: Public Comment for Southwest LRT

**From:** Richardson, Mary  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2013 6:07 AM  
**To:** O'Connell, Sam; Jacobson, Nani; Steinborn, Melanie; 'katie.walker@co.hennepin.mn.us'  
**Cc:** Kaufman, Robin  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment for Southwest LRT

**From:** swlrt  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 01, 2013 7:36 AM  
**To:** Richardson, Mary  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment for Southwest LRT

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**From:** Todd Carlsen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 01, 2013 7:35:31 AM  
**To:** swlrt  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Southwest LRT  
**Auto forwarded by a Rule**

Dear LRT Representative,

I understand that the public is allowed to submit feedback regarding the Southwest LRT project. I have two related comments to submit:

1. If the Southwest LRT line were to ever expand westward or southwestward, it should follow Highway 212 so that many riders could easily and quickly access the line easily from the highway. The highway would feed the LRT line. That 212 route is wisely used by SW Transit buses, including a station along the highway in Chanhassen. Staying next to Highway 212 makes sense because that is where you would access the population of riders, on the highway, to sustain a westward LRT expansion. The highway was built to accommodate a future LRT line, I was told by a highway engineer, so expanding such a line would not requiring destroying valuable infrastructures.

2. The LRT line should never expand onto the Southwest Corridor biking and recreation train. That recreational trail is very valuable park and a regional treasure. There is some frustration that the LRT designers are not hearing how valuable it is to the citizens. It is a precious infrastructure development to the area and would be destroyed. Please hear what we are saying. You would be destroying something of great value, and that is a big cost. It also makes little sense to use the Southwest Corridor trail since not a large number of people could easily access a LRT line from that trail. The population is sparse along the trail west of Eden Prairie road and not easily accessible, and a LRT rail would not make sense on the Southwest Corridor. Instead, you definitely would want to run the LRT line along Highway 212 where many people from the highway could feed a LRT line. Run the line along Highway 212.

Kind regards,

Todd Carlsen

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