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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Patrick Whiting
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Dear Pat:

This is to notify you that the Board of the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority passed the following resolution today:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the HCRRA Board directs staff to notify the Minnesota Department of Transportation that, in light of direction from the Federal Transit Administration regarding the Southwest LRT project (and only for purposes of completing the Southwest LRT project): (1) the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority has determined that freight rail relocation no longer warrants separate environmental analysis under state law as a standalone project and is no longer being pursued as a standalone project under state law; (2) HCRRA will amend the DEIS to include freight line relocation in the scope of the Southwest LRT project; and (3) freight rail location either to the MN&S corridor or within the Kenilworth Corridor will be included as an element of that overall Southwest LRT project that will be subject to environmental review under state and federal environmental law."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard R. Orenstein".

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