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Ted Shoenecker  
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Dear Mr. Ted Shoenecker,

The Highland District Council (HDC) is sending this as a letter of support for the Lexington Parkway Extension. The HDC has supported the realignment of Lexington Parkway and the extension since the St. Paul Public Schools issued a “request for proposal” for the future of the 900 Albion property in 2016. Essential Decisions Inc., the developer for the property, has re-worked its plan for the site to help accommodate the realignment.

We have met with the developer, the Community, the County, MnDOT and multiple departments within the City of Saint Paul, numerous times over the past year and a half. The neighbors in the area have supported the rezoning of this property with the understanding that the Lexington realignment would connect them to Shepard Road and the Mississippi River while promoting safer pedestrian and bicycling traffic in a neighborhood. The neighborhood currently is not friendly to either bikes or pedestrians, despite bike lanes on Lexington.

The HDC has long seen a realignment as a necessity. The District Plan for Highland Park has called for a realignment of the Montreal, Lexington and West 7<sup>th</sup> intersection since the late 1980s. The HDC views this as an opportunity to simplify traffic patterns at a confusing and poorly engineered intersection. Moreover, the extension will improve the safety of drivers, pedestrians and bicyclers.

We believe the Lexington Parkway Extension will benefit not only the Highland Park and Fort Road neighborhoods, but the City of Saint Paul, Ramsey County and the entire metro area of the Twin Cities. We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Kathy Carruth  
Executive Director

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The Highland District Council’s mission is to foster opportunities for the people that live, learn, work, and play in Highland Park to engage and connect with neighbors, businesses and local government and to help build a more vibrant, welcoming, and safe neighborhood.

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