

## Light rail for Robert Street

Dear editor:

Like many of your readers, I've had it with the transportation system in Dakota County. The problems are familiar to all—pollution, congestion, an overburdened infrastructure, the price of gas. With the explosive growth of our area, the problems will only get worse unless we change course.

Currently, a study is under way on public transit in northern Dakota County. An engineering firm will recommend a route and mode of transit. A light-rail transit line in the Robert Street corridor is the way to go.

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The Hiawatha Line has been a great success in South Minneapolis and Bloomington. Many more people than anticipated are using this light-rail line and the buses that feed it. Light rail in northern Dakota County would greatly reduce pollution and congestion, while building strong communities along the route. Rather than sitting in traffic, with no other choice, you could have the option of riding a quiet and comfortable rail car to work.

Let your local representatives and senators know that you support light rail for northern Dakota County.

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