

ULI Advice Influenced Council to Reverse Position on Light Rail

Navigating the New Normal

ULI Minnesota

Volunteer value	\$115,000
In-kind support	\$4,800
Total	\$120,000
ULI investment	\$25,000
Financial leverage	5:1

ULI contribution: Over the past two years, ULI Minnesota conducted 24 workshops for suburban public officials



about the impact of demographic changes on the local job market, school enrollment, demand for different kinds of housing types, and the challenges associated with redevelopment from the private sector's perspective.

Outcome: The workshops have prompted a cross section of cities in the Minneapolis/St. Paul region to review their land use policies in light of changes in market demand for smaller, more affordable housing near vibrant centers and mass transportation. Since the workshop, one community reversed its position against the proposed light-rail system.

Impact

“Since the workshop, our council changed its position on the Bottineau LRT and now supports the project. We have also approved three large-scale multifamily residential developments and have created a redevelopment district near Highway 55 and Boone Avenue to facilitate sidewalk and trail construction.”

—GOLDEN VALLEY STAFF
MEMBER, SURVEY RESPONSE