



SAINT PAUL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Your Chamber's Advocacy in Action

Advocacy Efforts

Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area

Took the lead role in analyzing major MnDNR proposed regulations that would have established over 1,000 nonconforming properties in the city of Saint Paul alone. Our work was cited numerous times in local media, both print and on TV, and state legislators from both parties requested copies of our analysis.

Transit Advocacy

We were awarded nearly \$1 million dollars in grant funds to engage in transit advocacy and fight for additional investment in the East Metro. We created a separate initiative, East Metro Strong, that is working to facilitate our transit-related initiatives.

Fought Attempts to Restrict Commerce

Engaged in advocacy efforts to defeat initiatives aimed at restricting business growth and expansion. The Chamber's activities included protecting our member's property rights, assisting to obtain necessary licensure for business-related operations, and expediting approval of land-use and zoning applications.

Rice Creek Commons (Formerly know as Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant - TCAAP) Redevelopment Project

Developed and implemented an advocacy and engagement strategy that helped secure \$29 million from the state legislature for transportation improvements. This will serve as a catalyst for realizing a future of jobs and property tax base at the site and further development of the new Rice Creek Commons.

Snelling BRT Extension

Successfully worked alongside Ramsey County to request a study on extending planned Snelling Avenue BRT service from Rosedale mall to the Rice Creek Commons site in Arden Hills. Our work resulted in Metro Transit studying an extension that would serve two major universities in Bethel and Northwestern, as well as major employers like Boston Scientific, Land O'Lakes, and Smiths Medical.

Additional Efforts

Produced informational materials: East Metro Voter Guide, Transit Guide, Washington/Ramsey/Dakota Counties v. Hennepin County Factsheet, Legislative Recap, White Bear Lake Augmentation Factsheet

Held informative monthly events on hot-button topics for the business community.

Served on various boards and committees:

St. Paul Smart Trips, Ramsey County Workforce Investment Board, Business Review Council, Capitol River Council, Rush Line, Riverview, Gateway Corridor Commission, among others.

Led efforts to replenish White Bear Lake

Publicly supported: Saint Paul Bike Loop, 35E MnPASS Extension, Dorothy Day/Higher Ground, multiple city budgets, East Metro Bonding projects

Advocated for local members on important matters affecting business growth and expansion.

For more on the issues we advocate for, visit:

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