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Comment: Until 1½ yrs. ago, I lived in the Phillips neighborhood for 13 yrs. I walked the Greenway regularly, with or without a destination. It was an instant getaway. I served on the Greenway Coalition board for 3 yrs. I looked ahead to the streetcar coming down the trail. What a beautiful ride to Uptown! I still looks ahead to getting to the trail and the streetcar on the #21A bus, connecting at the Hiawatha transit hub.

The Hiawatha W location of the substation would horribly blight the transit hub area and the destination point of the landmark Sabo bridge, where so much beautification has already taken place. As for the lines, they would blight and endanger the Greenway from above; probably cripple streetcar construction even if buried. I am not convinced that the lines are necessary; but if so they should be buried under 28th or 26th St. I echo those who think that Xcel's missing the opportunity to bury the lines under Lake Street when it was torn up is a sign of overall bad planning.

If the above travesties take place, there will be protests. I will definitely be back for these occasions. Sincerely, Jane Thomson

Please submit comments to meeting moderator or send to:

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