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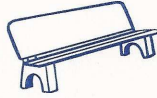
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**Subject:** Blaine Right of Way Ordinance

Stefan, Attached is a letter with our comment on the new ROW ordinance. I do have some additional information that I will drop off tomorrow, but wanted you to get up this by the May 6th.

Thanks  
Scott

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May 6, 2013

Mr. Stefan Higgins  
 Assistant City Manager  
 City of Blaine

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed transit amenities ordinance for your city.

We would like to comment on Subd 1-(C) where County and State written permission is needed.

Only one city of the 70 Cities we serve in the metro area requires this provision. It has been our experience that the counties prefer the cities to provide this regulation.

The Minnesota Highway Department regulates benches and permits on State Highways with their own permits.

Subd 4-G Trash and debris shall be removed (regularly).

Subd 4-H This does not work because there is not enough income with benches to underwrite this provision – furthermore, it results in other traffic stopping to leave their trash.

It has been a privilege to comment on this ordinance, and we hope our 67 years of bench service in the metro area will lend some light on the issue. Thank you very much for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Danielson, President  
 U.S. Bench Corporation

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