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SuperTarget plan

With kind words and a firm hand, the St. Paul City Council sent Target Corp. back to the drawing board Wednesday.

The company is seeking permission to build a 184,000-square-foot SuperTarget on the site of its current Midway store and the adjacent Sheraton Inn, but has found itself thrust into a debate about the future of University Avenue.

Neighborhood planning groups argue that a potential light-rail line warrants more transit-oriented development on the site, at the corner of Hamline and University avenues. Although Target has offered to sell a swath of its current parking lot for development, it was not enough to appease the council.

Minneapolis-based Target was uniformly praised as a company, but the council delayed a vote until May 17, asking Target to consider creating a higher-density plan, possibly with additional retail buildings.

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