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Thank you for being a vital part of our community in downtown Saint Paul. You can also visit our online construction update at cctwincities.org/cam to see the building move forward. You can also visit our online construction update at cctwincities.org/cam to see the building take shape!

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