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Resolution Regarding the Saint Paul Bikeways Plan

Whereas, having access to a variety of safe, sustainable and efficient transportation modes is important to the City of Saint Paul, including the neighborhood of Highland Park, for access to its businesses, homes, schools, recreation and other areas of value; and

Whereas, the City of Saint Paul initiated a project in approximately the year 2010 to develop a framework and work plan that will allow the City of Saint Paul to accomplish the goals to encourage active transportation and expansion of transportation options; develop and maintain a complete and connected bikeway system; and increase the bicycling mode share in the City and to designate corridors for future development of bikeways; and

Whereas, establishing a Comprehensive Plan (hereinafter “City of Saint Paul Bikeways Plan” or “Bikeways Plan”) Bikeways Plan will allow the City to guide investment in bicycle-related infrastructure, as well as coordinate with existing transportation projects in an attempt to create a cohesive system among all transportation modes; and

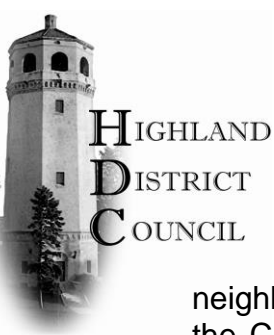
Whereas, the purpose of the Bikeways Plan is to designate streets for future development of bikeways and recommend a bikeway facility type (e.g. markings, off-street and in-street paths and lanes, bicycle boulevards, etc.) for each corridor or street; and

Whereas, the 2010 Bikeways Plan establishes a vision for transportation to increase the number of bicycle trips and bikeways throughout the City, specifically setting a goal to increase the bicycle mode share from its level in the year 2000 of 2%, to 5% in the year 2025; and

Whereas, the Bikeways Plan is currently in the phase of finalizing a draft and holding open houses and a public comment period prior to a formal adoption process; and

Whereas, consistent with the current phase of the Bikeways Plan, the City of Saint Paul has held at least seven (7) open house events to educate the public about the Saint Paul Bikeways Plan, three (3) events in September 2011, and four (4) events in February and March of the year 2014, and in addition numerous presentations from the City of Saint Paul staff; and

Whereas, members of the Highland District Council Transportation Committee have participated and reviewed the Saint Paul Bikeways Plan presented to various



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neighborhood councils on several occasions with Reuben Collins, staff member with the City of Saint Paul, including on June 11, 2013 for an introduction to the Saint Paul Bikeways Plan; at a community-wide open house at Macalester College in February of 2014; and at a Highland District Council Meeting on March 11, 2014 that was open to the public where various community members and residents attended and had an opportunity to express their views; and

Whereas, the Bikeways Plan presented to the Highland District Council and the community at large is represented as a draft plan, with further opportunity for discussion and comment prior to any action taken with respect to any specific proposal within the Bikeways Plan; and

Whereas, the Highland District Council has recognized and heard the concern of citizens with regard to various aspects of the Bikeways Plan, including but not limited to concern about plans proposed for the Mississippi River Boulevard regarding proposed northbound bike lane additions and Highland Parkway regarding the size, slope and speed of traffic; and

Whereas, the public process for consideration and adoption of the Bikeways Plan has not been completed as of the date of this Resolution; and

Whereas, the Highland District Council will continue to review the Bikeways Plan and recognizes the need for additional discussion and review regarding the Bikeways Plan's potential impact on Highland Park as a whole and as the Highland District Council prepares to provide testimony for formal public hearings should those be required by law; and

Be it resolved, while the members of the Highland District Council generally support the City of Saint Paul Bikeways Plan for the benefit of the City as a whole, including Highland Park, we specifically request that more public comment and information sessions be held prior to any implementation, finalization, construction, funding request(s) or any other action be taken to proceed with any aspect of the plan; and

Be it resolved, that the Highland District Council requests that any changes or additions to roadways or other identified property contained in the Bikeways Plan drafts and proposals be subjected to a formal process of public notification and hearings, before application is made to either plan or fund a specific project; and

Be it further resolved, that the request for further public input into the plan details does neither imply that Highland District Council supports nor opposes any individual aspect or project currently identified in the Bikeways Plan.