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Building a More Vibrant, Welcoming, and Safe Neighborhood

Resolution Recommending Creation of a Saint Paul Pedestrian Plan

WHEREAS, the Highland District Council serves as an advisory body to the St. Paul City Council;
and

WHEREAS, the residents of Highland Park have shown support for safer pedestrian facilities
throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Streets Policy was adopted by the City of St. Paul in 2009, which stated the
necessity and obligation of creating streets that are safe and comfortable for all users; and

WHEREAS, numerous benefits result from active pedestrian use of sidewalks, including increasing
economic activity supporting local businesses; enhancing health and well-being; increasing quality of
life and sense of place; promoting community investment, economic growth, and development; and
reducing crime by increasing “eyes on the street”; and

WHEREAS, safe and accessible pedestrian infrastructure is a right that should be available equally
across all neighborhoods, regardless of economic status and accessibility issues; and

WHEREAS, adopting an official plan will provide a formal framework to ensure consideration of
pedestrian needs and safety during the development of any and all Public Works projects affecting
streets and sidewalks, as well as providing the documentation and support necessary to leverage
county, state, and federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the sidewalk network in Highland has significant gaps, and assessments to property
owners are cited as the primary barrier to completing the network in Saint Paul;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Transportation Committee of the Highland District
Council recommends the creation and adoption of a city-wide St. Paul Pedestrian Master Plan, to be
appended to the City Comprehensive Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Transportation Committee recommends exploration of
reduced assessments or increased financial assistance to property owners to promote the completion
of the sidewalk network.

Adopted on June 9, 2015
By the Transportation Committee of the Highland District Council