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***Building a More Vibrant, Welcoming, and Safe Neighborhood***

**Resolution for Sidewalk Infrastructure Near Randolph/Hamline Avenue Schools**

WHEREAS on May 12, 2015, the HDC Transportation Committee heard testimony from residents in the vicinity of Albert Street between Randolph and Highland Parkway, who expressed significant concerns for the safety of students and residents due to excessive motorist speeds and widespread rolling stops; and

WHEREAS in November 2015 a student in a legal crosswalk adjacent to EXPO Elementary was struck by a car with clear sightlines (the student was fortunately only mildly injured); and

WHEREAS an ad hoc committee of parents and administrators from EXPO Elementary, Holy Spirit School, Cretin-Derham Hall High School, and Randolph Heights Elementary formed in December 2015 to provide Safe Routes to School (SRTS) for students who walk or bike; and

WHEREAS the SRTS committee worked extensively with Council Member Tolbert's office, and concluded that improving safety rests on A) improved education/enforcement, and B) improved infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the SRTS committee is already engaged on improving education and enforcement, by addressing parents/drivers about their behaviors, improving training of school patrols, and coordinating walking lines and school patrol deployment; and

WHEREAS the Saint Paul Police Department has already increased patrols and enforcement, and the HDC is committed to providing ongoing crosswalk education and enforcement support; and

WHEREAS the sidewalk network around these schools has significant gaps, including streets where no sidewalk exists on either side, forcing children to walk in the street; and

WHEREAS the City of Saint Paul adopted a Complete Streets Policy (Resolution 09-213), which states, "Saint Paul places a high value on creating safe environments for people to get from place to place", and "The public right of way must account for the safety and convenience of the most vulnerable populations including children, seniors, persons with disabilities, and those who cannot or do not drive a motor vehicle"; and

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WHEREAS the HDC Transportation Committee previously called for the completion of the sidewalk network in Resolution 2015-16T; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Highland District Council asks for urgent effort from the City of Saint Paul to prioritize, secure funding, and complete the sidewalk network in the vicinity of schools near Randolph and Hamline Avenues.

Approved April 7, 2016

By the Highland District Council Board of Directors

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