

## RESOLUTION CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Saint Paul Planning Commission initiated and oversaw the community task force process to  
2 prepare the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan which provides policy direction to “maintain,  
3 expand, and enhance a balanced regional transportation system;” and  
4
- 5 **WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan in March 2009; and  
6
- 7 **WHEREAS**, the City lacks a multi-modal transportation advisory body to review projects and advise on policy  
8 decisions affecting all forms of transportation as guided by the Transportation Chapter; and  
9
- 10 **WHEREAS**, the Bicycle Advisory Board (BAB) was established by Council File 91-1414 and amended several  
11 times since then (Council Files 94-848, 02-913, and 08-509) to provide ongoing advice on technical and educational  
12 matters to enhance the City’s work towards the goal of ensuring safe bicycling in the city; and  
13
- 14 **WHEREAS**, the Saint Paul City Council believes that in order to create a world-class, multi-modal transportation  
15 system in Saint Paul, the City should convene a diverse group of stakeholders and users of that system to advise the  
16 Planning Commission, Mayor and City Council; and  
17
- 18 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of a Transportation Committee as a committee of the Planning Commission would  
19 create such a group to advise the full Planning Commission, and to create a transparent public forum for such  
20 discussions; and  
21
- 22 **WHEREAS**, a Transportation Committee made up of diverse transportation system users of a variety of  
23 transportation modes will lead to better mutual understanding of the needs and interests of all users, which in turn  
24 will lead to a balanced and thoughtful approach to transportation planning and improvements in the City of  
25 Saint Paul; and  
26
- 27 **WHEREAS**, housing the Transportation Committee within the Planning Commission will help the Commission  
28 better integrate land use and transportation decisions as they relate to zoning, neighborhood and comprehensive  
29 planning, and major infrastructure investments;  
30
- 31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission be  
32 established, and be charged with the following activities:  
33
- 34 • Monitoring and advancing the implementation of the Transportation Chapter of the City’s Comprehensive  
35 Plan; this may include working with staff and the public to develop a prioritized list of projects that are  
36 referenced in the Chapter so that projects are ready to submit as funds become available;
  - 37 • reviewing and advising on transportation-related zoning amendments/studies; the design of major  
38 transportation infrastructure projects (particularly focusing on the need to balance transportation modes  
39 within existing public rights-of-way); new policy plans such as the Complete Streets policy now under  
40 development; and any new modal plans for biking, walking, and transit
  - 41 • overseeing the work of any transportation issue task forces that may be convened, in order to ensure  
42 consistency with citywide transportation planning and existing systems; and
  - 43 • advising the City on regional and interagency projects affecting the City, and advocating for improved  
44 coordination with regional and federal governments in transportation planning, including advising on  
45 funding priorities, in order to position Saint Paul as the multi-modal hub of the East Metro region;
- 46  
47

48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Transportation Committee is encouraged to solicit public input early and  
49 often in its deliberations, and is encouraged to create subcommittees (which may or may not be staffed) as needed to  
50 address technical needs or project issues specific to any individual transportation mode such as bicycling; and  
51

52 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Transportation Committee consist of four Planning Commissioners, and  
53 up to eight additional community members, including people who represent the following areas of interest, or  
54 multiple interests:

- 56     ▪       Transit, including bus and passenger rail
- 57     ▪       Pedestrian/walkability issues
- 58     ▪       Bicyclists
- 59     ▪       Freight and logistics industry, including trucking, rail operations, and airports
- 60     ▪       Accessibility representatives or persons with disabilities
- 61     ▪       Representatives of commercial corridors (i.e. small business owners)
- 62     ▪       Downtown building or business representatives; and

63  
64 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that recommendations from the Transportation Committee will be forwarded to  
65 the full Planning Commission for consideration and final action, similar to the other committees of the Planning  
66 Commission; and

67  
68 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chair of the Planning Commission shall solicit applications for the  
69 Transportation Committee and appoint the seats, with input from the Mayor and City staff, and that the committee  
70 would be chaired by a Planning Commissioner, also appointed by the Chair of the Planning Commission; and

71  
72 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that community (non-Planning Commission) members must live or work in Saint  
73 Paul, and serve rotating three-year terms, and that City staff would advertise open seats at the end of the year  
74 through the City website, the District Councils, local advocacy groups, and other community partners; and

75  
76 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Planning Commission will need to amend its by-laws to allow a standing  
77 committee that includes non-Planning Commission members; and

78  
79 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Transportation Committee will be staffed primarily by the departments  
80 of Planning & Economic Development and Public Works, with periodic assistance as needed from the Parks and  
81 Recreation, Police, and Fire Departments; and

82  
83 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Saint Paul City Council thanks the Bicycle Advisory Board (BAB) for its  
84 work over the last eighteen years, which has exemplified the passion and dedication that community members in  
85 Saint Paul have for improving bicycling in the city and the region; and recognizes that an on-going attention to  
86 bicycling issues will be critical to the success of the Transportation Committee; and

87  
88  
89  
90  
91

92 **NOW, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Saint Paul City Council respectfully puts the Bicycle Advisory  
 93 Board into an indefinite hiatus, and encourages the existing BAB members to participate in the work of the  
 94 Transportation Committee, and to remain closely involved in transportation issues at every level, from the work of  
 95 District Councils, to regional and state government, to local and national bicycling advocacy and non-profit  
 96 organizations that are dedicated to creating policy change, awareness, and improvements to bicycling in this region.

|         | Yeas | Nays | Absent |
|---------|------|------|--------|
| Bostrom |      |      |        |
| Carter  |      |      |        |
| Harris  |      |      |        |
| Helgen  |      |      |        |
| Lantry  |      |      |        |
| Stark   |      |      |        |
| Thune   |      |      |        |
|         |      |      |        |

Requested by Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Office of Financial Services

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted by Council: Date \_\_\_\_\_

Form Approved by City Attorney

Adoption Certified by Council Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Mayor: Date \_\_\_\_\_

Form Approved by Mayor for Submission to Council

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_