

city of saint paul
planning commission resolution
file number 18-54
date July 13, 2018

FORD SPUR STUDY

WHEREAS, the Canadian Pacific (CP) Ford Rail Spur is no longer used to serve the Ford Motor Company Twin Cities Assembly Plant; and

WHEREAS, the CP Ford Spur represents an opportunity to provide important transportation and recreation options by incorporating multiple modes of transportation in a corridor that passes through diverse neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council passed Resolution 14-723 in April 2014 authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply for a Federal TIGER VI Planning Grant to prepare a plan for the Canadian Pacific Ford Rail Spur; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation (“DOT”) awarded a \$100,000 grant (FHWA FY 2014 TIGER Planning Grant No. P-18, T14HP039; S.P. # 164-070-014) to the City of Saint Paul to be used in the preparation of a preliminary design study (“Study”) of the Canadian Pacific Ford Rail Spur to identify constraints and opportunities for multi-modal use and develop preliminary design concepts; and

WHEREAS, the Grant was combined with \$70,000 from the pre-development account of the Loan Enterprise Fund Budget of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul to fund the Study; and

WHEREAS, East Metro Strong generously donated \$20,000 to the City of Saint Paul to be used in support of the Study; and

WHEREAS, Ford Motor Company generously donated \$10,000 to the City of Saint Paul to be used in support of the Study; and

WHEREAS, a project team led by Alta Planning + Design and Planning Commission staff, and supported by Sambatek and Kimley-Horn, undertook a study of the CP Ford Spur using the grant application and agreement as guides; and

moved by Risberg
seconded by _____
in favor 17 with 1 abstention (Edgerton)
against _____

WHEREAS, Project and Technical Advisory Groups were assembled to represent stakeholder interests and provide input throughout the Study process; and

WHEREAS, a series of community forums was held between May of 2017 and March of 2018 to help guide the Study direction and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Study provides recommendations for

- Preliminary trail designs
- Crossing considerations
- Interactions with pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure
- Future environmental investigations
- Trail-supporting facilities
- Operations and maintenance considerations; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Committee, on June 18, 2018, forwarded its strong endorsement of the Study and recommendation for support to the Planning Commission;

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee, on June 27, 2018, forwarded its recommendations to the Planning Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission hereby forwards the Study to the Mayor and City Council with a recommendation for approval as a foundational document for future design and engineering work.