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To: Saint Paul Planning Commission
From: District 1 Community Council

Re: District 1 Community Council Transportation Plan

For over 4 years, the D1 Council has been discussing a variety of transportation issues with residents – everything from Red Rock Corridor planning to neighborhood stop signs, to speeding along various streets, to parking concerns; and every mode from walking to trains. As news of Gateway Corridor planning reached us, we decided we had to complete a serious transportation plan for the community so that we could stop reacting to situations and start being proactive about what we wanted to see for all forms of transportation in the district. Our approved community plan, which is now due for a total update, spoke very little about transportation.

We sent a survey about transportation to every household and pulled together a neighborhood task force on transportation that included both board members and other neighbors. At every community meeting we held, we discussed transportation with residents. We participated in a variety of community meetings around specific issues that included officials from the Met Council, CP Rail, Gateway planners, public works, and city and county government. We visited apartment complexes, and did as much outreach as we possibly could.

Our task force discussed each of the topic areas, often in a very spirited way, and drafted a document that was then vetted by PED and Public Works officials.

The plan that resulted is a framework for us to address issues that will arise and that wait for us on the horizon. Each issue that arises will still go through a community process to flesh out specifics, but we feel that the plan before you can guide our work and help assure that the transportation needs of all our residents are not overlooked.

We respectfully ask that you approve the plan and allow it to be amended to our existing community plan.

Thank you.

Betsy Leach
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District 1 Community Council