

**city of saint paul
planning commission resolution**

file number 12-22

date March 23, 2012

Recommendation on Jefferson Avenue Bikeway

WHEREAS, the City seeks to improve the pedestrian and bicycle environment on Jefferson Avenue between Mississippi River Boulevard and West 7th Street; and

WHEREAS, the portion of the Jefferson Bikeway project between Mississippi River Boulevard and Snelling Avenue is being amended; and

WHEREAS, the Project titled “Jefferson Avenue Bikeway” is funded out of the Federal Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot program grant administered by Transit for Livable Communities; and

WHEREAS, the Project is in keeping with numerous sections of the City’s Comprehensive Plan, the City’s Complete Streets initiative, and the Metropolitan Council’s 2030 Plan; and

WHEREAS, there have been numerous opportunities for public input including 24 community meetings during the life of the project, and a concentrated “re-start” of the design process beginning in August of 2011 that included two informational meetings, three design meetings, an online survey, and a community open house; and

WHEREAS, the City used new and traditional techniques to notify residents of the project including: resident mailings, Ward 3 Office, Macalester Groveland Community Council, City website, and various media and community partners; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to implement the improvements proposed for Jefferson Avenue in 2012; and

moved by Spaulding

seconded by _____

in favor Unanimous

against _____

WHEREAS, project elements proposed by the Department of Public Works include installing stop signs at Woodlawn Avenue and Stonebridge Boulevard, removing the stop signs on Jefferson Avenue at Mt. Curve Boulevard (leaving the two facing Mt. Curve Boulevard); adding LED pedestrian flashers, warning signs, cross walks, and dynamic speed display signs at Cretin Avenue; adding a neighborhood traffic circle (and removing 4-way stop) at Finn Street (to be constructed in 2017 as part of RSVP); adding LED pedestrian flashers, warning signs, striped cross walks, and dynamic speed display signs at Cleveland Avenue; adding north side parking between Kenneth Street and Prior Avenue; adding north side parking between Fairview Avenue and Snelling Avenue; adding neighborhood traffic circles (and removing 4-way stops) at Wheeler Street, Davern Street, and Macalester Street; and sharrow pavement markings along the project length; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Committee voted on March 19, 2012 to recommend approval of the project to the Planning Commission with the following additions: install an additional neighborhood traffic circle at Mt. Curve Boulevard (and removing 4-way stop) to be constructed in 2015 as part of RSVP), and modify the crosswalk markings from the proposed parallel lines to longitudinal block type markings at Cretin Avenue and Cleveland Avenue intersections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, after careful consideration and discussion, that the Planning Commission recommends to the Mayor and City Council that the Jefferson Avenue Bikeway project between Mississippi River Boulevard and Snelling Avenue be amended to include the project elements as recommended by the Transportation Committee.