

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION
FILE NUMBER Gold Line Station Area Plans
DATE July 9, 2015

WHEREAS, Section 73.04 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code states the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) shall "serve as an advisory body to the mayor and city council on municipal heritage preservation matters... [and] shall review and comment on studies which relate to the...architectural heritage of the city..."; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Line Station Area Plans document, including associated amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Saint Paul Bicycle Plan, decertification of the Sun Ray-Suburban Small Area Plan, and a zoning study, was released by the Planning Commission for public review with a public hearing scheduled for July 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the HPC has been asked to review and comment on the Gold Line Station Area Plans document pursuant to Chapter 73.04; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Line is a proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project to be located largely in its own dedicated guideway running along the north side of Interstate 94 between Union Depot and Manning Avenue, with up to six (6) stations in Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, the study area includes multiple historic resources that are locally designated as Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Sites or Districts by the Saint Paul City Council and/or listed on the National Register of Historic Places and/or State Historic Register; and

WHEREAS, much of the study area has not been assessed for potential historic resources with historic and/or architectural significance via survey and inventory work;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Heritage Preservation Commission makes the following recommendations for changes and/or additions to the Gold Line Station Area Plans document for further consideration by the Saint Paul Planning Commission and City Council:

1. Assessment of historic resources within the area of potential effect (APE) should be conducted prior to any decisions being made regarding BRT alignment, station locations, and station design.
2. Property impacts to all historic properties will be considered and shall be avoided in choosing a BRT alignment, not just impacts to locally designated historic properties.
3. Buildings with historic character should be preserved in all station areas, including Sun Ray and the Sun Ray shopping center property.
4. Future recommendations and implementation should be consistent with the Historic Preservation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan and Chapters 73 and 74 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code.

MOVED BY Bezat
SECONDED BY Trimble

IN FAVOR 8 (Bezat, Trimble, Ferguson, Hill, Lightner, Meller, Riehle, Wagner)
AGAINST 0
ABSTAIN 0