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## Transportation Committee Staff Report for Plans and Policies

Committee date: July 17, 2017

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**Plan Name/Policy Name:** Rush Line Pre-Project Development Study

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**Plan/Policy Webpage:** [www.rushline.org](http://www.rushline.org)

**Description:** The Rush Line Corridor is an 80-mile travel corridor between St. Paul and Hinckley. A Pre-Project Development Study is underway to analyze bus and rail transit alternatives between Forest Lake and Union Depot in St. Paul. The study builds upon previous work completed for the corridor and will identify one mode and one alignment for adoption as the corridor's Locally Preferred Alternative. The PPD Study is a joint local and regional planning effort conducted by the Rush Line Corridor Task Force and led by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority.

**General Timeline:** The 2+ year PPD Study recently concluded with a proposed Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)

**Public Hearing Date & Location:** August 16, 2017 at Saint Paul City Council for a resolution of support for the LPA

### Transportation Committee Role:

Inform scope & approach       Review draft       Make recommendation

**Explanation** Recommend a draft resolution for Planning Commission adoption and referral to the City Council that supports the LPA

Staff recommendation	<i>Approval</i>
Action item requested of the Committee	<i>Recommend draft Planning Commission resolution recommending approval of a draft City Council resolution of support for the Rush Line LPA</i>
Committee recommendation	<i>Approval</i>
Committee vote	<i>8-0</i>