

Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: November 7, 2016

Project Name	<i>Red Rock Corridor Implementation Plan</i>
Geographic Scope	<i>Union Depot through the East Side to Hastings</i>
Ward(s)	<i>2, 7</i>
District Council(s)	<i>17, 4, 1</i>
Project Description	<i>Documenting a phased implementation for bus rapid transit for the southeast metro</i>
Project Webpage	<i>http://www.redrockcorridor.com/</i>
Project Contact, email/phone	<i>Hally Turner, hally.turner@co.washington.mn.us, 651-403-4307</i>
Lead Agency/Department	<i>Washington County Regional Railroad Authority</i>
Purpose of Project/Plan	<i>To improve transit access in the east metro</i>
Planning References	<i>In Figure T-C of the Comprehensive Plan, the Red Rock Corridor is identified as part of the city's preferred transit network. Comprehensive Plan Strategy T-2.1 calls for providing transportation choices, such as enhanced transit.</i>
Project stage	<i>Implementation Plan</i>
General Timeline	<i>The Implementation Plan will be completed in December 2016. The recommendations support improved transit service up to year 2040</i>
District Council position (if applicable)	
Level of Committee Involvement	<i>Involve</i>
Previous Committee action	<i>Several actions in 2011 and 2013 when the corridor was being planned for commuter rail (now it is being evaluated for BRT)</i>
Level of Public Involvement	<i>Involve</i>
Public Hearing	<i>Yes, October 26, 2016, 5:30 pm</i>
Public Hearing Location	<i>Newport City Hall, 596 7th Avenue, Newport, MN 55055</i>
Primary Funding Source(s)	<i>Counties Transit Improvement Board and Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Dakota Counties</i>
Cost	<i>\$495,000</i>

Staff recommendation	<i>Approval of a resolution of support for the Implementation Plan.</i>
Action item requested of the Committee	<i>Recommend to the Planning Commission action on the draft City Council resolution.</i>
Committee recommendation	<i>Approval</i>
Committee vote	<i>7-0</i>

Level of Committee Involvement

INFORM: Informational briefings	<i>Projects that are in implementation phase; projects from other jurisdictions; policy documents from other agencies/jurisdictions</i>
ADVISE AND CONSENT: Informational briefings with policy discussion, general directives to staff for follow-through	<i>Project and program reviews primarily initiated by staff; or involvement with program development by others</i>
INVOLVE: Discussions to develop directions for projects & programs	<i>Policy involvement from inception through design, inc. policy development; environmental documentation,</i>
DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT/PROGRAM: <i>Discussion to form process; screening of ideas; development of recommendations; and managing outreach to the community</i>	<i>Committee has primary responsibility for concept development, and/or overseeing participation process, and/or making specific recommendations to Planning Commission, Mayor and/or City Council</i>