

## Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: 9/19/11

<b>Project Name</b>	Red Rock Station Area Plan Public Hearing Comments
Geographic Scope	½ mile radius around the existing Lower Afton Park and Ride site (bounded by Point Douglas, Lower Afton, and Highway 61)
Ward(s)	7
District Council(s)	1
Project Description	Planning for proposed future Commuter Rail Station Area. The plan addresses multi-modal transportation access, market potential, platform location, and cultural, historical, and environmental context. Long-term plans include a low-profile 275-stall parking facility north of Lower Afton, and a ped bridge over Highway 61 to the rail platform. The plan also calls for restoring/enhancing green space, as well as connecting to local and regional trails and parks.
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Lead Agency/Department	Washington County Public Works
Purpose of Project/Plan	Public purpose is to plan for improved transit in the corridor starting with expanded bus service and then eventually transitioning to commuter rail.
Planning References	Red Rock Commuter Rail Feasibility Study (2001), Red Rock Corridor AA (2007), MnDOT Commuter Rail System Plan (1999), Met Council TPP (2008), Red Rock Commuter Bus Feasibility Plan (2009), Comp Plan(2010)
Project stage	Post Alternative Analysis (AA) planning
General Timeline	Station Area Planning adopted by Fall 2011.
District Council position (if applicable)	Support
Level of Committee Involvement	Inform, advise & consent.
Previous Committee action	Introductory presentation on 1/24/11, presentation on the SAP on 7/11/11. Recommended plan for release for a public hearing.
Level of Public Involvement	Inform, advise & consent. Public Meetings held in August 2010, January 2011, and April 2011.
Public Hearing	September 2, 2011
Public Hearing Location	Planning Commission
Primary Funding Source(s)	Federal 5339 Funds, Local (WCRRA, DCRRA, RCRRA, CTIB grant)
Cost	\$1.15 Million for all station area plans & process

Staff recommendation	Recommend approval of the plan
Action item requested of the Committee	Recommend approval
Committee recommendation	Recommended approval of the plan
Committee vote	8-0