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Resolution on Proposed Mississippi River Boulevard Realignment near Ford Site

WHEREAS the Ford Site Task Force recently advanced a recommendation to realign Mississippi River Boulevard (MRB) adjacent to the Ford Site, creating a straighter east-west segment of the boulevard; and

WHEREAS the reported goal of this realignment is to create more park space along the bluff and create new opportunities for regional park funding; and

WHEREAS the Highland District Council (HDC) respects the contributions and findings of the Ford Site Task Force, and believes the goals of realigning MRB to be positive and worthy of consideration; and

WHEREAS the HDC Transportation Committee is consistently engaged with residents and users of MRB on issues of trail use and alignment, motor vehicle speeds, safety, parking, and execution of special events; and

WHEREAS motor vehicle speeds already exceed posted and safe limits, and a straighter segment of roadway is likely to increase vehicle speeds;

WHEREAS the HDC has not been directly consulted or advised of the reasons for realigning MRB, and such a realignment has significant impacts on residents and street users beyond the scope of the Ford Site;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Highland District Council calls on the City of Saint Paul to directly engage the HDC on the proposed realignment of Mississippi River Boulevard prior to committing to such a change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the HDC will seek to ensure that such a realignment not only provide the benefits of a bluff top park, but also mitigates the potential for increased vehicle speeds and minimizes impacts on MRB residents and properties.

Adopted on June 2nd, 2017
By the Highland District Council Board of Directors

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