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TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Transportation Committee

SUBJECT: Summit Avenue Regional Trail Plan

PROCESS

On April 13, 2023 the Saint Paul Parks & Recreation Commission held a public hearing on the Summit Avenue Regional Trail Plan. At its conclusion, they closed the public hearing and referred the plan to the Planning Commission and its committees for a recommendation. Per the City's Administrative Code, the Planning Commission will make "its recommendation with respect to the relationship of the proposal to the overall comprehensive plan of the city and the city capital allocation policy, and its opinion and recommendation as to any other planning consideration which may be relevant to the proposal, with its recommendation of approval, rejection or modification of the proposal." The Transportation Committee has reviewed the Plan accordingly and made its recommendation to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission's recommendation will be forwarded to the Parks & Recreation Commission for their consideration, and then to the Mayor and City Council who will make a decision on the Plan.

BACKGROUND AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ANALYSIS

Please see the attached staff report to the Transportation Committee for project background and analysis of the Summit Avenue Regional Trail Plan's conformance with the City's Comprehensive Plan, with which the Transportation Committee concurred.

RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation Committee recommends that the Planning Commission approve the attached resolution that finds conformance with the Comprehensive Plan and recommends approval of Summit Avenue Regional Trail Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Planning Commission resolution
2. Staff report to the Transportation Committee
3. Parks and Recreation Commission public hearing – key topics
4. Trail Plan- Executive Summary
5. Summit Avenue Regional Trail Plan (posted online at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GUAuCGEi9QM5EyaHG5_g6Sz_SQ5Du3NN due to file size)

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