

city of saint paul
planning commission resolution

file number 12-57

date August 24, 2012

Recommendation on Charles Avenue Project

WHEREAS, the Bike Walk Central Corridor Action Plan designates Charles Avenue as a preferred bikeway route to serve local trips, and to provide a nearby “quiet” route to serve University Avenue destinations and LRT stations; and

WHEREAS, the Bike Walk Central Corridor Action Plan recommends neighborhood traffic circles, pedestrian refuge medians, wayfinding, and traffic diversion at major streets as key components of a safe and legible Charles Avenue bikeway; and

WHEREAS, the Central Corridor Friendly Streets Initiative formed in 2010 as a joint project of the Hamline Midway Coalition and the Frogtown Neighborhood Association to respond proactively to this element of the Bike Walk Central Corridor Action Plan, and;

WHEREAS, the Friendly Streets Initiative has engaged over 800 Hamline Midway and Frogtown residents in a discussions about Friendly Streets concepts and the redesign of Charles Avenue via eight events in 2011 and 2012, and collected the results of these discussions in two detailed reports, and;

WHEREAS, project elements include enhanced pedestrian signage, pedestrian and bicycle refuge medians, a raised intersection, bump outs, bicycle boulevard wayfinding and pavement markings, route marker and destination signage, concrete and landscaped traffic circles, and stop signs; and

WHEREAS, the City hosted two community events on July 17 and July 25, 2012, where a combined 150 people attended and provided input into the design process; and

moved by Spaulding

seconded by

in favor Unanimous

against

WHEREAS, the Hamline Midway Coalition voted on July 17, 2012 to approve the project, and Frogtown Neighborhood Association has shown strong support and participation in the plan; and

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with numerous sections of the City's Comprehensive Plan, the Central Corridor Development Strategy, the University Avenue Station Area Plans, the Bike Walk Central Corridor Action Plan, and the City's Complete Streets policy; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Committee reviewed the draft design and forwarded a recommendation to the full Commission on August 13, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission recommends approval of the Charles Avenue Project, as presented in the July 25th public hearing draft design, to the Mayor and City Council.