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DATE: June 24, 2014
TO: Saint Paul City Council
FROM: Michelle Beaulieu, Planning Staff
RE: Streetcar Feasibility Study Outreach Activities

The Saint Paul Streetcar Feasibility Study was a year and a half long study looking at the technical feasibility of bringing streetcars to the streets of Saint Paul, with the intention of making a recommendation for next steps should the City decide to pursue the construction of streetcars. The consulting team from Nelson\Nygaard, HDR and Richardson Richter & Associates were tasked with the technical analysis and reports production, including a strategic communications plan. City staff and the consulting team made numerous presentations to various community groups, professional organizations and business associations. These groups are listed below; multiple presentations were made to groups marked by asterisks.

(All District Councils) Saint Paul District Councils Executive Directors Meeting
(D3) West Side Community Council
(D4) Dayton's Bluff Community Council*
(D5) Payne-Phalen District 5 Planning Council
(D6) District 6 Planning Council
(D9) Fort Road Federation*
(D10) District 10 Como Community Council (trolleys event)
(D12) Saint Anthony Park Community Council (transportation event)
(D14) Macalester-Groveland Community Council (Flavors of Mac-Groveland event)
(D15) Highland District Council
(D16) Summit Hill Association*
(D17) CapitolRiver Council
American Society of Civil Engineers, Minnesota
Cathedral Hill Business Association
East Metro Transportation Alliance
Grand Avenue Business Association*
North-Central Section Institute of Transportation Engineers
Payne Arcade Business Association
Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce*
Saint Paul Business Review Council
Saint Paul Historic Preservation Commission*
Saint Paul Smart Trips Board
Transit for Livable Communities Transit Panel
Twin Cities TOD Advisory Committee
West 7th Business Association

In addition to direct outreach to these groups, the Saint Paul Transportation Committee has acted as the steering committee for this study. This Committee is comprised of representatives from the community who represent various transportation interests, including freight, bicyclists, and the disability community. Three open houses were held at the Rondo Community Outreach Library, the Randolph Fire Station, and the Dayton's Bluff Rec Center. A series of three questions were posed on Open Saint Paul. Letters and emails were also received by staff. And the Planning Commission held a public hearing, where 13 individuals testified. In total, approximately 300 individual pieces of testimony from members of the public were received. A summary of all public input is included in a separate memo.