

city of saint paul
planning commission resolution
file number 15-57
date August 21, 2015

GOLD LINE STATION AREA PLANS

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Planning Commission, via Resolution 14-31 passed on April 18, 2014, initiated a planning study addressing potential station area plans along the Gateway (Gold Line) Corridor for up to five (5) planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stations in the vicinity of Mounds Boulevard, Earl Street, Etna Street, White Bear Avenue, and Sun Ray shopping center; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Planning Commission, via Resolution 14-31, also initiated a zoning study addressing rezonings to reflect the recommendations of the station area plans; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Planning Commission, via Resolution 14-31, also established a Station Area Planning Task Force to prepare and submit its recommendations to the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Station Area Planning Task Force completed its work on June 2, 2015, and forwarded the *Gold Line Station Area Plans* document, including proposed station area plans, rezonings, associated amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Saint Paul Bicycle Plan, and decertification of the Sun Ray-Suburban Small Area Plan, to the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held public hearings on the draft *Gold Line Station Area Plans* document on July 24, 2015 and August 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed all public testimony and is recommending some changes to the draft document to respond to public testimony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission directs staff to make the following changes to the *Gold Line Station Area Plans* document:

1. The Sun Ray Station park & ride is recommended to be placed and designed so as to not remove the St. Paul Youth Services building.
2. The Sun Ray Station park & ride is recommended to be placed "at or near the southeast corner of Pederson Street and Wilson Avenue".
3. All station area chapters should state that the BRT alignment and station location should "(a)void property impacts, particularly to affordable housing and ~~locally designated~~ historic buildings."
4. Buildings with historic character should be preserved in all station areas.
5. The document's discussion of the Sun Ray shopping center should include further clarification that redevelopment will occur only when the private sector chooses, and that, whether redevelopment is incremental or complete, the plan envisions introduction of an urban street grid.

moved by Shively
seconded by _____
in favor 16 with 1 abstention (Edgerton)
against _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission recommends the Mayor and City Council adopt the *Gold Line Station Area Plans* document, with the changes noted above incorporated, as an addendum to the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission recommends the Mayor and City Council amend the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan to add Neighborhood Center designations to the Earl and Etna Station Areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission recommends the Mayor and City Council amend the Saint Paul Bicycle Plan to include bicycle connections directly to the BRT stations and a new north-south bicycle connection near the Etna Street alignment between Wilson Avenue and Burns Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission recommends the Mayor and City Council decertify the Sun Ray-Suburban Small Area Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission recommends the Mayor and City Council approve the proposed rezonings as detailed in the Implementation chapter of the *Gold Line Station Area Plans* document; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission hereby directs the Planning Administrator to forward the *Gold Line Station Area Plans* document and associated recommendations described above to the Mayor and City Council for their review and adoption.