University Avenue Parking Summary and Conclusions

Between October 2014 and May 2015, a study was conducted to assess the technical feasibility and community support for on-street parking along University Avenue from the University of Minnesota on the Western end to the capital on the Eastern end.

Conclusion and Recommendation

The Technical Advisory Committee recommended and the Advisory Committee approved a recommendation to return parking to University Avenue in designated areas from 6PM to 2 AM daily. The committees did not recommend returning additional all day parking to University Avenue.

Summary of the Technical Analysis for All Day Parking

Based on 2014 traffic volumes, removing one travel lane in order to reinstate more on-street parking is feasible in multiple locations along the University Avenue corridor. Table 6 in the attached report, below, lists locations where more parking could be reinstated. A map of possible parking locations is provided in Figure 2 from the study.

Based on the Community input and updated traffic counts for evening which are 30 to 85% below peak traffic counts, the Technical Committee recommended evening parking should be permitted from 6PM to 2 AM daily in the locations detailed below.

Corridor Segment		Roadway Section
From	To	
23rd Avenue	Washington Avenue	No Parking/Transition Modifications
Washington Avenue	Hampden Street	1 Through Lane + Parking, Up to Fire station
Hampden Street	Prior Avenue	Existing Configuration
Prior Avenue	Aldine Street	1 Through Lane + Parking
Aldine Street	Syndicate St	Existing Configuration
Syndicate St	Grotto Street	1 Through Lane + Parking
Grotto Street	Mackubin Street	Existing Configuration
Mackubin Street	Rice Street	1 Through Lane + Parking
Rice Street	Park Street	Existing Configuration/Transition Modifications

Summary of the Community Feedback

A total of 64 business surveys and 1,196 residential surveys were completed. Both surveys were administered between October 14 and November 24, 2014.

On the primary question of whether business survey respondents would support adding more all day on-street parking to University Avenue, 70 percent of businesses and seventy-one percent (71%) of residents answered that they would prefer “University Avenue with two travel lanes and limited on-street parking.”

The Technical Advisory Committee's recommendation to have evening only parking maintains the current capacity during peak periods, enable adequate traffic capacity and creates additional parking is off-peak hours.

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Cost
The implementation of the parking changes is estimated to cost $79,375 to create 451 evening parking spaces along University Avenue.

Funding Plan
Implementation will be paid for by the City of Saint Paul.

Implementation is expected in 2016.