

**CITY OF SAINT PAUL**  
**HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION**  
**FILE NUMBER** 16-CompleteStreets  
**DATE** July 14, 2016

**WHEREAS**, Section 73.04 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code states that the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) shall “serve as an advisory body to the mayor and city council on municipal heritage preservation matters... [and] shall review and comment on studies which relate to the...architectural heritage of the city...”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Paul City Council passed a resolution in 2009 committing the City to pursuing Complete Streets principles in its street design; and

**WHEREAS**, a *Street Design Manual* has been created to provide guidance for street design in Saint Paul, including both the street itself and adjacent streetscapes; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Street Design Manual* will apply throughout the city, including in Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Districts, in listed and/or eligible National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) districts, adjacent to Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Sites, adjacent to sites listed and/or eligible for the NRHP, and across historically designated bridges and landscapes; and

**WHEREAS**, a *Complete Streets Action Plan* has been created to identify priorities for further implementing Complete Streets policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the following *Street Design Manual* elements relate to the Historic Preservation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan:

- Boulevard plantings (p26)
- Roadway lighting (p37)
- Wayfinding (p43)
- Stairways (p45)
- Parkways (p60)
- Bridges (p62)
- Diverter island (p121)
- Skewed intersections (p134)
- Roundabouts (pp136-7)
- Downtown streets (p158)
- Established neighborhood streets (p165)
- Public art maintenance (p169); and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of updated historic surveys limits the proper incorporation of preservation considerations into projects that involve streets and streetscapes; and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of context studies of City-owned resources, such as walls, stairs, bridges, streets, sidewalks, and parkways, also limits the proper incorporation of

preservation considerations into street and streetscape design; and

**WHEREAS**, transportation projects that alter historic streetscapes will continue to need to be evaluated by the HPC prior to their funding and approval; and

**WHEREAS**, historic district guidelines are in need of updating to address Complete Streets principles, while also balancing the requirement to preserve and maintain historic fabric and character of the districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Heritage Preservation Commission (in 2015) and HPC staff have reviewed the *Street Design Manual* and provided a series of suggested revisions that have since been incorporated into the document; and

**WHEREAS**, with the above-noted revisions incorporated, the Heritage Preservation Commission finds the *Street Design Manual* and *Complete Streets Action Plan* to be consistent with the City's policy to identify and promote the heritage and historic resources of the City of Saint Paul.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Heritage Preservation Commission finds the *Street Design Manual* and *Complete Streets Action Plan* to be consistent with the Historic Preservation Chapter of the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan, and requests the following:

1. Context studies of City-owned resources, such as walls, stairs, bridges, streets, sidewalks, and parkways, be conducted so as to inform the proper incorporation of preservation considerations into street and streetscape design.

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