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DATE: November 9, 2016
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Bill Dermody, City Planner
RE: Red Rock Corridor Implementaton Plan

ISSUE

The City of Saint Paul is requested to take action to support the Red Rock Corridor Implementation Plan.

BACKGROUND

In 2014, following an Alternatives Analysis Update study, the Red Rock Corridor Commission approved Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) as the transit option that best meets the corridor objectives. The City of Saint Paul approved a resolution of support for that action in April 2014 (RES 14-673). Since the current ridership situation does not warrant full, immediate implementation of BRT in the corridor, the Red Rock Corridor Commission pursued a follow-up study to lay out a plan for realistic, phased implementation. The Red Rock Corridor Commission approved this Implementation Plan on October 26, 2016. All cities in the corridor are now being asked to provide resolutions of support for that action.

Looking ahead to future years, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) study and Final EIS, as well as final municipal consent, would be required prior to implementation of federally funded BRT in the corridor, should growing ridership warrant it.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Transportation Committee recommends that the Planning Commission approve the attached resolution recommending that the City Council approve a resolution of support for the Red Rock Corridor Implementation Plan.

Attachments

1. Draft Planning Commission resolution
2. Draft City Council resolution of support
3. TC staff report
4. WCRRA presentation
5. Red Rock Corridor Implementation Plan