

Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: November 7, 2016

Project Name	Red Rock Corridor Implementation Plan
Geographic Scope	Union Depot through the East Side to Hastings
Ward(s)	2, 7
District Council(s)	17, 4, 1
Project Description	Documenting a phased implementation for bus rapid transit for the southeast metro
Project Webpage	http://www.redrockcorridor.com/
Project Contact, email/phone	Hally Turner, hally.turner@co.washington.mn.us , 651-403-4307
Lead Agency/Department	Washington County Regional Railroad Authority
Purpose of Project/Plan	To improve transit access in the east metro
Planning References	In Figure T-C of the Comprehensive Plan, the Red Rock Corridor is identified as part of the city's preferred transit network. Comprehensive Plan Strategy T-2.1 calls for providing transportation choices, such as enhanced transit.
Project stage	Implementation Plan
General Timeline	The Implementation Plan will be completed in December 2016. The recommendations support improved transit service up to year 2040
District Council position (if applicable)	
Level of Committee Involvement	Involve
Previous Committee action	Several actions in 2011 and 2013 when the corridor was being planned for commuter rail (now it is being evaluated for BRT)
Level of Public Involvement	Involve
Public Hearing	Yes, October 26, 2016, 5:30 pm
Public Hearing Location	Newport City Hall, 596 7th Avenue, Newport, MN 55055
Primary Funding Source(s)	Counties Transit Improvement Board and Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Dakota Counties
Cost	\$495,000

Staff recommendation	Approval of a resolution of support for the Implementation Plan.
Action item requested of the Committee	Recommend to the Planning Commission action on the draft City Council resolution.
Committee recommendation	Approval
Committee vote	7-0

Level of Committee Involvement

<p>INFORM: Informational briefings</p>	<p><i>Projects that are in implementation phase; projects from other jurisdictions; policy documents from other agencies/jurisdictions</i></p>
<p>ADVISE AND CONSENT: Informational briefings with policy discussion, general directives to staff for follow-through</p>	<p><i>Project and program reviews primarily initiated by staff; or involvement with program development by others</i></p>
<p>INVOLVE: Discussions to develop directions for projects & programs</p>	<p><i>Policy involvement from inception through design, inc. policy development; environmental documentation,</i></p>
<p>DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT/PROGRAM: Discussion to form process; screening of ideas; development of recommendations; and managing outreach to the community</p>	<p><i>Committee has primary responsibility for concept development, and/or overseeing participation process, and/or making specific recommendations to Planning Commission, Mayor and/or City Council</i></p>