

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission referred the draft study and conclusions to the Transportation Committee for consideration, review of the public testimony, and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2014, the Transportation Committee forwarded its recommendations to the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered the public testimony and the recommendations of the Transportation Committee;

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2014, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the long-term network of feasible streetcar routes for Saint Paul, including 7 lines: East 7th, Grand, Payne, Rice, Robert, Selby, and West 7th; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission also recommended authorization for staff to proceed to a more detailed analysis of the Starter Line corridor, *comparing the potential benefits of streetcars to enhanced bus service*, specifically for East-West 7th Street from Arcade to Randolph, with the purpose and intent to:

- Improve transit connectivity;
- Enhance the attractiveness of transit service; and
- Catalyze development through transit investment.

This next study will include (among other elements) an examination and recommendation for routing through Downtown Saint Paul; a more detailed analysis of capital, operating, and lifecycle costs; and an economic development potential breakdown, including a close study of the impacts of modern streetcar lines in other cities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the Streetcar Feasibility Study and the recommendations, at which all interested persons were heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council hereby approves the long-term network of feasible streetcar routes for Saint Paul, including 7 lines: East 7th, Grand, Payne, Rice, Robert, Selby, and West 7th; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council authorizes staff to proceed to a more detailed analysis of the Starter Line corridor, *comparing the potential benefits of streetcars to enhanced bus service*, specifically for East-West 7th Street from Arcade to Randolph, with the purpose and intent to:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Saint Paul City Council directs staff to wait to initiate its detailed analysis of the West 7th Street portion of the East to West 7th streetcar line until the County of Ramsey concludes its transit-related studies of the Riverview corridor.