



Legislation Text

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Supporting the findings of the Gateway Corridor Alternatives Analysis Study.

WHEREAS, the Gateway Corridor Commission was established in March of 2009 to address transportation needs in the Gateway (I-94) Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Gateway Corridor is the principal east/west route for local, regional and interregional traffic through Ramsey, Washington, and St. Croix Counties connecting St. Paul and Minneapolis to the eastern metropolitan area and Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul is an active member of the Gateway Corridor Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission initiated an alternatives analysis study to identify the transit solution that best meets the needs of the Gateway Corridor; and

WHEREAS, these needs include the Commission's established goals to improve mobility, provide a cost-effective economically viable solution that promotes economic development, protects the natural environment, and preserves community quality of life and overall safety; and

WHEREAS, the study concluded that Optimized Alternative 3 - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) adjacent to Hudson Road best meets the needs of the Gateway Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the study recommended that Optimized Alternative 3 be advanced into the project development phase as the preferred option; and

WHEREAS, that Optimized Alternative 5 - Light Rail Transit (LRT) along the same alignment also advance into the project development phase for comparative purposes; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the study are based on a rigorous technical analysis and reflective of the input received by the community throughout the planning process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul will continue to work with the Gateway Corridor Commission to plan for future transit improvements in the Gateway Corridor and the surrounding land uses within the station areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Saint Paul supports the findings of the Gateway Corridor Alternatives Analysis Study.