



Legislation Text

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Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Planning and Economic Development in the amount of \$233,000 to accept Streetcar Planning Grants.

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan specifically recommends the City study the feasibility and possible location of new streetcar lines, as well as explore the use of neighborhood circulators to serve gaps in neighborhood connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul has sought funds from the Saint Paul Foundation, The McKnight Foundation, the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative, and Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority for streetcar planning; and

WHEREAS, grants would fund planning to explore the feasibility of a modern streetcar network, and will develop a set of prioritized streetcar investments that are physically feasible and offer the greatest potential for improving local circulation, supporting economic development, and complementing existing and planned regional transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Foundation, on December 19, 2011, awarded a grant of \$75,000, to help finance the budget of the Saint Paul Streetcar Feasibility Plan; and

WHEREAS, the McKnight Foundation, on February 9, 2012, awarded a grant of \$50,000, to help finance the budget of the Saint Paul Streetcar Feasibility Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative, on January 30, 2012, awarded a grant of \$91,500, to help finance the budget of the Saint Paul Streetcar Feasibility Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority, on February 7, 2012, awarded a grant of \$16,500, to help finance the budget of the Saint Paul Streetcar Feasibility Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, pursuant to Section 10.07.1 of the City Charter, does certify that upon acceptance of the grants there are funds of \$233,000 available for appropriation in excess of those estimated in the 2012 Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council accepts \$233,000 in total streetcar planning funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Saint Paul is committed to provide \$17,000 of local match for the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council on behalf of the citizens of Saint Paul, hereby accept and acknowledge the assistance of the Saint Paul Foundation, the McKnight Foundation, the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative, and the Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority in their support of this streetcar planning initiative; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Council approves these changes to the 2012 budget and authorizes the Director of the Department of Planning and Economic Development (PED) to enter these grant

agreements.

See Attachment