



Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to accept funds from St. Paul Smart Trips for Margaret Jones, 8-80 Vitality Fellow, to attend the National Open Streets Summit, September 25-27, 2015, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Whereas, St. Paul Smart Trips is a nonprofit organization that improves access and mobility for those who travel in and around St. Paul, and is a valuable partner on many projects with the City of St. Paul; and

Whereas, the National Open Streets Summit, to be held on September 25-27, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia, will feature sessions and networking opportunities for both novice and experienced open streets organizers, with the focus on health benefits of Open Streets in communities, and will include a closing plenary from International speaker and founder of 8 80 Cities, Gil Penalosa; and

Whereas, Margaret Jones, 8-80 Vitality Fellow, has been invited to attend the National Open Streets Summit by St. Paul Smart Trips; and

Whereas, St. Paul Smart Trips has offered to pay for all costs associated with attendance and participation in the meeting by Ms. Jones, with an estimated value not to exceed \$2,500; and

Whereas, this two-day collective impact learning session will bring innovative community leaders from around the world together to explore and learn from one another how to get people outdoors and into the *Open Streets*, interacting with each other and their environment more often, positively impacting all aspects of urban living,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Mayor, the Council of the City of Saint Paul does hereby accept the payment by St. Paul Smart Trips of all costs associated with the participation of Margaret Jones in the learning community meeting titled National Open Streets Summit, on September 25-27, 2015, with thanks for St. Paul Smart Trips' generous gift; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to take the appropriate actions necessary to facilitate Ms. Jones' participation in the meeting.