



## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | 6:30 p.m.

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**This meeting is being held remotely online via Zoom**

**Chair:** Brian Martinson

**Secretary:** Jack Fei

### AGENDA

*(6:15 – 6:30 pm: Tech Check)*

- 6:30 I. Introductions
- 6:40 II. Additions or deletions to agenda
- 6:42 III. Approval of July 2020 minutes
- 6:45 IV. Rethinking I-94, *Discussion and potential action*
- 7:05 V. Equity in traffic enforcement, *Discussion and Potential Action*
- 7:25 VI. Mississippi River Boulevard resolution (See Pg. 2), *Discussion and potential action*
- 7:50 VII. Updates / Other business
  - Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) Update
- 8:00 VIII. Adjourn

**Next Meeting:** September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom

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#### **Transportation Committee Mission Statement:**

*The Transportation Committee is a liaison between stakeholders, including local community councils & government agencies supporting & advocating for a balanced multi-modal transportation system.*

## **Draft Resolution Re: Reducing Motor-Vehicle Traffic and Increasing Pedestrian and Bicyclist Access to Mississippi River Boulevard**

Whereas, even before the Covid-19 pandemic, there were consistently large volumes of bicyclists and pedestrians on Mississippi River Boulevard-- some of the largest in the city as is evidenced by the City's annual pedestrian and bicycle count reports;

Whereas the trails along the west side of Mississippi River Boulevard (between the roadway and the river) have a combined width of 6 feet or less in many places;

Whereas the inadequate width of the trails and lack of a northbound bike lane results in conflicts between pedestrians, bicyclists, skaters and automobiles, which have been documented in city reports for decades, such as the Grand Round report from 2000;

Whereas this situation has worsened during the pandemic, given the need for social distancing of at least 6 feet;

Whereas this situation will become even worse with the development of the Ford site, because the volume of bicyclists and pedestrians will greatly increase;

Whereas the volume of motor vehicles is much smaller, which leads to frequent speeding by cars, which is both a nuisance and a danger to all users of the boulevard including home owners;

Whereas, the volume of motor vehicles can easily be reduced to a single lane, which will likely reduce speeding;

Whereas a temporary lane closure for southbound vehicular traffic was put in place on April 22 to create additional outdoor space for pedestrians and bicyclists to social distance along the roadway;

Whereas, the City of Saint Paul, in their Grand Round report, states that reconstructing and modernizing old streets creates a better experience for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists;

Whereas, on June 15, the City started some Mississippi River Boulevard improvements with variety of scheduled construction and repair projects in preparation for a mill and overlay in early September, but the improvements do not include widening the trails or equivalent measures to create a better experience for pedestrians and bicyclists;

Whereas making the April 22 lane closure permanent is an immediate solution to increase the space for bicyclists and pedestrians on Mississippi River Boulevard, until a more fitting solution can be found;

Be it resolved that the city should make the Mississippi River Boulevard lane closure permanent and make additional improvements to enable pedestrians and bicyclist to better access the Boulevard from the bridges on Ford parkway and Marshall Avenue.