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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Monday, April 27, 2015, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
All meetings are held in the City Hall Annex 13th floor
Conference room at 25 West 4th Street in Saint Paul

1. Highway 5 / Shepard Road Access Options Study – First Open House
The Committee is being asked to provide feedback and comment on the materials being presented at the Open House for this study, which will be held on April 23. For more information please visit the website www.stpaul.gov/hwy5study
Michelle Beaulieu, PED, and Mark Finken, PW, 30 minutes

Upcoming Transportation Committee Meetings

- May 11
- June 8

Meetings are open to the public. The Chair may allow five minutes for informal public comment (from non-committee members) at the beginning of each agenda as needed. Additional time may be allocated for comments or further discussion at the discretion of the Chair. Meetings will be cancelled if there is not a quorum expected, or if there are no agenda items. For additional information on the Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission, please visit our website at bit.ly/StPaulTC or contact Hilary Holmes at hilary.holmes@ci.stpaul.mn.us or 651-266-6612.

Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: April 27, 2015

Project Name	Highway 5 / Shepard Road Kick-off Open House
Geographic Scope	<i>See attached maps</i>
Ward(s)	<i>Ward 3</i>
District Council(s)	<i>District 15 primarily; in part District 9</i>
Project Description	<i>This open house is being held on 4/21 to gather feedback on the study; to help set the priorities for the study; and to learn from the community what are perceived challenges. Staff would like to provide the Transportation Committee to provide input on the topics discussed at the open house as well.</i>
Project Contact	<i>Michelle Beaulieu</i>
Contact email/phone	Michelle.beaulieu@ci.stpaul.mn.us ; 651-266-6620
Lead Agency/Department	<i>SP Public Works and PED</i>
Purpose of Project/Plan	To improve pedestrian conditions and access both along and across West 7th Street; a redesigned Shepard Road as a parkway-like facility; and to balance of traffic between Shepard Road and West 7th Street, creating a more connected community with better access to jobs, services, park facilities and the river.
Planning References	From Comprehensive Plan Transportation Chapter: 1.1 Complete the Streets. 1.2 Examine alternatives to enhance safety through right-of-way design, including narrowing or removing lanes on roads. 2.4 Develop a strategy for investing in a broad range of infrastructure projects, including, but not limited to, street and traffic improvements to support the growth of existing employment, services, parks, and schools. 4.11 To create livable neighborhoods and compact commercial areas, promote and fund traffic calming measures.
Project stage	<i>First Open House; project goal refinement.</i>
General Timeline	<i>February – October 2015</i>
District Council position (if applicable)	<i>n/a</i>
Level of Committee Involvement	<i>Provide comment and feedback.</i>
Previous Committee action	<i>Study Initiation 2/9</i>
Level of Public Involvement	<i>Involve</i>
Public Hearing	<i>TBD (likely fall 2015)</i>
Public Hearing Location	<i>TBD (likely Planning Commission)</i>
Primary Funding Source(s)	<i>City of Saint Paul</i>
Cost	<i>\$300,000</i>



Highway 5/Shepard Road Access Options Study

OPEN HOUSE

Study purpose:

The purpose of this study is to plan future transportation improvements that would:

- Improve vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian access in the study area
- Balance traffic volumes between West 7th Street and Shepard Road
- Represent the neighborhood as a gateway into Saint Paul

You are invited to attend this open house to:

- Hear more about the project and talk with project staff
- Identify goals for transportation in the neighborhood
- Discuss issues and opportunities within the study area

Project Study Area



Thursday, April 23

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Saint Paul Jewish Community Center

1375 St. Paul Ave, Saint Paul

**Please bring a photo ID to show at the registration desk*

Open House Location



*Limited parking available.
Served by Metro Transit routes
46, 54, 83, and 84:
www.metrotransit.org*

**For more information about the project,
visit the project website:**

<http://www.stpaul.gov/hwy5study>

or contact:

Michelle Beaulieu, City of Saint Paul
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Study Overview

Reasons for this Study

- ◆ Improve vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian access
- ◆ Create a more efficient balance of traffic volumes between West 7th Street and Shepard Road
- ◆ Represent the neighborhood as a gateway into Saint Paul
- ◆ Foster community growth and development

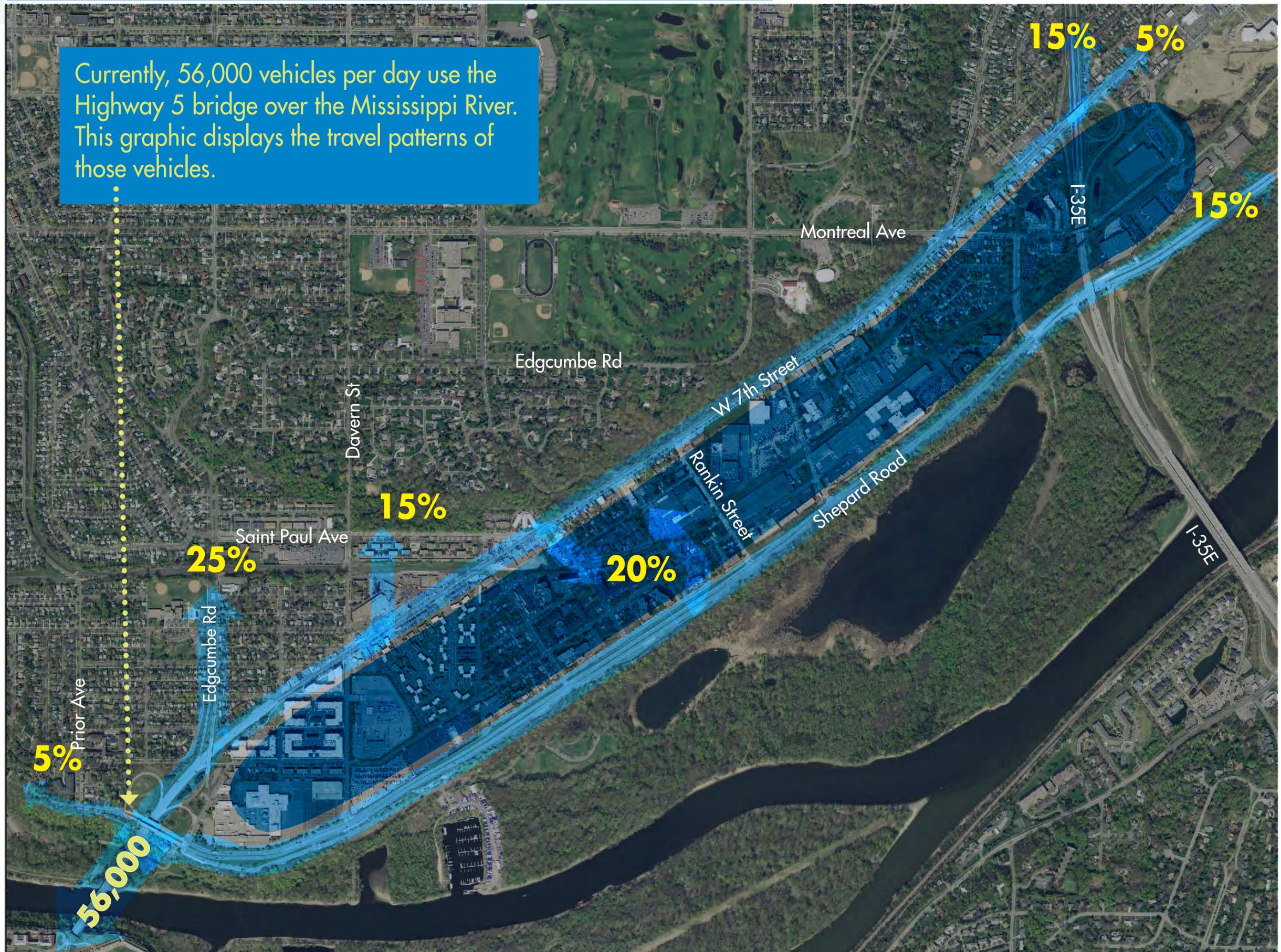
Study Process

- ◆ Project Kickoff/Data Collection
- ◆ Community Input
 - Open House
 - Online Engagement
 - Community Advisory Group
- ◆ Development of Study Goals
 - Using community input
- ◆ Development of Concepts
 - To address study goals
- ◆ Evaluation of Concepts
 - Technical and community guidance
- ◆ Recommendations sent to
 - Transportation Committee for recommendations to
 - Planning Commission for recommendations to
 - City Council for resolution



Highway 5 River Bridge Traffic Patterns

Currently, 56,000 vehicles per day use the Highway 5 bridge over the Mississippi River. This graphic displays the travel patterns of those vehicles.



Project Context



Current Bus Service

- Four Routes 46, 54, 83, 84 Serve the Area
- Minimal service on Shepard Road
- Approximately 12 Bus Stops on West 7th Street

West 7th Street

- 5-Lane Undivided Roadway
- Continuous sidewalk on both sides except between Saint Paul Ave. & Montreal Ave.
- 35mph speed limit west of Rankin St. 40mph speed limit east of Rankin St.
- 35-40 Access Points per Mile

At Grade RR Crossing

Shepard Road

- 4-Lane Divided Roadway
- Continuous trail on south side.
- 50mph speed limit
- 5 Access Points per Mile

Johnson Brothers Development

XXX = 2012 Average Daily Traffic

- Commercial
- Industrial
- Residential
- Traffic Signal
- Ped Crossing

