



**Southport**

Industrial  
District  
Study

Planning Commission  
December 1, 2017

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# Southport Terminal

Saint Paul Downtown Airport  
(Holman Field)

Site ID	Tenant / User
A	Northern Metals *
B	Midwest Mobile Water Products *
C	Krupenny & Sons *
D	Evergreen Energy
E	Port Authority
F	Mudek Trucking *
G	City of Saint Paul Impound Lot
H	Gerdau
I	City of Saint Paul Impound Lot
J	Alter Metals Recycling
J1	Alter Sublease to ADM
K	Hawkins Chemical
L	Common Area
M	Portable Barge
N	City of Saint Paul / Wetland
O	Common Area / LS Marine
P	Ingredient Transport
Q	U.S. Army Corps Dredge Site
R	Licensed Dockwall Area

\* Not Owned by Port Authority



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# City Council resolution initiated the study in December 2015

- Resolution **sprang from permit request** earlier that year. The resolution noted concerns about:
  - Environment
  - Health
  - Safety
- **Air quality monitoring results** were of concern around this time as well led to year-long monitoring in 2106

# Community Forums

- City and Port Authority staff met with the **Protect Our Riverfront Together** (PORT) group in July 2016. This led to a plan for community forums. **Concerns and questions** raised at the forums **provided direction** for the study.

Forum topics included:

- **Air Quality & Environment**
- **Railroads & Emergency Management**
- **Air Quality & Fugitive Dust**

# Study Contents...

- **Background** on Southport
- **Air quality** monitoring activity
- **Fugitive dust** and strategies for reducing it
- **Public health** discussion
- **Traffic analysis:** auto, truck, and train
- **Alternative access** discussion
- **Emergency response** and management  
(evacuation, accidents, train cargo)

# Study Contents

- **Great River Passage Master Plan**
- **Future of Southport**
  - *River Action Strategy (Port Authority)*
  - *Port Optimization Plan (Port Authority)*
- **MN Port Development Assistance Program**
- **Study Recommendations**
- Appendices (resolution, meeting summaries, air monitoring results, and hazardous chemical inventory)



# Study Recommendations

- Improving **air quality**
  - reduce fugitive dust
  - address truck idling and diesel emissions
- Making **complaints** to the city and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- **Contacting** the railroad during train blockages

# Study Recommendations

- Participating in emergency management **workshops** and fire department **visits**
- Participating in the City's **emergency notification system**
- Participating in Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health **community meeting offerings**
- Considering a **speed limit** for Barge Channel Road to reduce fugitive dust



# Staff Recommendation

- Release the study for review and set a public hearing date for January 12, 2018.

● **QUESTIONS**