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To: Planning Commission

From: Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee

Re: Southport Industrial District Study – Summary of Public Hearing Testimony and Revisions to the Study

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#### Summary of Public Hearing Testimony

One person testified at the public hearing to provide clarification on the status of the Protect Our Riverfront Together (PORT) group in relation to the West Side Community Organization (WSCO). The testimony was neither in support nor opposition.

#### Revisions to the Study

The following revisions were made to the study since its release for public review:

1. An executive summary, including Spanish and Somali versions, was incorporated into the study. It is located just before the table of contents and credits page.
2. Information on follow-up air quality monitoring by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in 2018-2019 was added on page 13.
3. A reference was added on page 26 to the Priam Regional Trail. The trail is scheduled to be built through the Barge Channel Road area in summer 2018.
4. Updates were added on the timing for the Port Optimization Study and River Action Strategy, efforts currently underway by the Port Authority, on page 36. Also, the photograph on this page was removed because it was pointed out that it depicted the dock wall on Childs Road, not the one at Barge Channel Road.
5. The strategy of paving unpaved surfaces was added to recommendation #1 on page 37.

The study can be found on the Current Activities webpage by clicking [here](#).

#### Committee Recommendation

Approve Planning Commission resolution and forward the study to the Mayor and City Council with a recommendation for approval.

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**SOUTHPORT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT STUDY**

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council passed Resolution 15-2033 in December 2015 requesting a Planning Commission study of Southport on the West Side to address safety and health issues; and

WHEREAS, Planning Commission staff undertook a study of the Southport Industrial District with the directives in the City Council resolution as a guide; and

WHEREAS, a series of community forums were held between summer 2016 and spring 2017 at which representatives from Protect Our Riverfront Together (PORT), West Side Community Organization, and area business owners and operators helped guide the study by identifying the specific issues of concern to be included in the study; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Port Authority was a partner in the community meetings and study development and the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency participated in community meetings and provided information on air quality and environmental conditions in the study area; and

WHEREAS, the study provides answers to the questions raised by area residents and business owners and makes recommendations to improve health and safety in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission referred the Southport Industrial District Study to the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee for review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee, recommended the study be released for review and the Planning Commission hold a public hearing;

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2018 the Saint Paul Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the study; and

moved by \_\_\_\_\_  
seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
in favor \_\_\_\_\_  
against \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission referred the study to the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee for consideration, review of the public hearing testimony, and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee, on January 24, 2018, forwarded its recommendations to the Planning Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission hereby forwards the study to the Mayor and City Council with a recommendation for approval.